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2024 BOWL MEDIA GUIDE

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MEDIA INFORMATION

Requests for media and photo credentials must be done online by Dec. 20 at **bigtime.games/cheez-creds**.

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IOWA HEADQUARTERS

The Iowa team, coaches, and administrative staff will be headquartered at the Hyatt Regency Orlando (9801 International Drive).

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

The Cheez-It Citrus Bowl has two news conferences scheduled at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. Dates and times are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 29 at 8:30 a.m. (ET)
Offensive and Defensive coordinators, two student-athletes

Sunday, Dec. 31 at 8:30 a.m. (ET)
Head Coaches News Conference

Iowa's media availability leading up to the Citrus Bowl will be distributed when finalized and will include additional opportunities outside the news conferences hosted by the Citrus Bowl. Contact the Iowa Strategic Communications office with questions.

#17 Iowa Hawkeyes
vs.
#21 Tennessee Volunteers

January 1, 2024 - Orlando, Fla.

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CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

IOWA HAWKEYES
10-3 OVERALL, 7-2 B1G

9/2	Utah State	W, 24-14
9/9	at Iowa State	W, 20-13
9/16	Western Michigan	W, 41-10
9/23	at 7/7 Penn State *	L, 0-31
9/30	Michigan State *	W, 26-16
10/7	Purdue *	W, 20-14
10/14	at Wisconsin *	W, 15-6
10/21	Minnesota *	L, 10-12
11/4	at Northwestern *!	W, 10-7
11/11	Rutgers *	W, 22-0
11/18	Illinois *	W, 15-13
11/24	at Nebraska *	W, 13-10
12/2	vs. #2/2 Michigan ^	L, 0-26
1/1	**vs. #25/23 Tennessee +**	

** B1G Conference Game*
! at Wrigley Field (Chicago, Ill.)
^ Big Ten Championship Game (Indianapolis)
+ at Cheez-It Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)

TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS
8-4 OVERALL, 4-4 SEC

9/2	vs. Virginia !	W, 49-13
9/9	Austin Peay	W, 30-13
9/16	at Florida *	L, 16-29
9/23	UTSA	W, 45-14
9/30	South Carolina *	W, 41-20
10/14	Texas A&M *	W, 20-13
10/21	at #11/8 Alabama *	L, 20-34
19/28	at Kentucky *	W, 33-27
11/4	UConn	W, 59-3
11/11	#14/14 Missouri *	L, 7-36
11/18	#1/1 Georgia *	L, 10-38
11/25	Vanderbilt	W, 48-24
1/1	vs. #20/17 Iowa +	

! at Nissan Stadium (Nashville, Tenn.)
** SEC Game*
+ at Cheez-It Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Fla.)

2023 BIG TEN STANDINGS

WEST DIVISION

Team	B1G	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
IOWA	**7-2**	**.778**	**10-3**	**.769**
Northwestern	5-4	.556	7-5	.583
Wisconsin	5-4	.556	7-5	.583
Nebraska	3-6	.333	5-7	.417
Minnesota	3-6	.333	5-7	.417
Illinois	3-6	.333	5-7	.417
Purdue	3-6	.333	4-8	.333

EAST DIVISION

Team	B1G	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Michigan	9-0	1.000	13-0	1.000
Ohio State	8-1	.889	11-1	.917
Penn State	7-2	.778	10-2	.833
Maryland	4-5	.444	7-5	.583
Rutgers	3-6	.333	6-6	.500
Michigan State	2-7	.222	4-8	.333
Indiana	1-8	.111	3-9	.250

IOWA TO MEET TENNESSEE IN 2024 CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL

The 17th-ranked University of Iowa football team will face No. 21 Tennessee in the 2024 Cheez-It Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1 in Orlando, Florida. Kickoff is set for noon (CT) from Camping World Stadium and the game will be televised on ABC.

The Hawkeyes will be making their 36th bowl game appearance and their third Citrus Bowl appearance (formerly the Capital One Bowl).

Iowa is 1-1 all-time at the Citrus Bowl. The Hawkeyes defeated No. 11 LSU, 30-25, on an improbable Drew Tate-to-Warren Holloway 56-yard touchdown pass as time expired on Jan. 1, 2005. Kentucky scored the go-ahead touchdown with 1:48 remaining in the fourth quarter to down Iowa, 20-17, on Jan. 1, 2022.

The Hawkeyes have won four of their last five bowl games, including a 21-0 shutout of Kentucky in the 2022 Music City Bowl. Iowa is 18-16-1 all-time in bowl games.

Iowa is bowl eligible for the 22nd time in the last 23 seasons under head coach Kirk Ferentz. Iowa is 10-9 in bowl games under Ferentz, including a 21-0 victory over Kentucky in the Music City Bowl. Since 2001, only Ohio State and Wisconsin have won more bowl games (including the FBS championship game), than Iowa.

THE SERIES

The Hawkeyes are 1-2 against the Volunteers in program history. Tennessee won the only bowl meeting, winning 45-28 in the 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville.

Iowa won the first ever meeting in 1982, winning 28-22 in Atlanta and the Volunteers were victorious, 23-22, in East Rutherford, New Jersey in 1987,

Iowa is 7-6 all-time in bowl games against current Southeastern Conference opponents.

Here are the series results:

12/31/1982	W	28-22 (N)
8/30/1987	L	22-23 (N)
1/2/2015	L	28-45 (N)

WOODY, AMOS & KIRK

Kirk Ferentz, in his 25th season as Iowa's head football coach and the longest tenured active head coach in college football, won his 195th career game as a member of the Big Ten Conference on Nov. 18 against Illinois. The victory moved Ferentz past Bo Schembechler for third in Big Ten history. He currently has 196 victories, trailing only Ohio State's Woody Hayes (205) and Chicago's Amos Alonzo Stagg (199).

Ferentz has 121 Big Ten wins, which also rank third all-time, trailing Hayes (153) and Schembechler (143).

Ferentz won his 200th career game on Sept. 11 at Iowa State. He is the 27th coach at an FBS institution to reach the 200-career win milestone and the 99th coach across all divisions. Former Hawkeye head coach Hayden Fry finished his career with 236 victories.

THE NATION'S TOP ASSISTANT COACH

Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker is the recipient of the Frank Broyles Award, given to the top assistant coach in the nation, and is the AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year. Parker is the mastermind behind an Iowa defense that is fourth in the nation, allowing 13.2 points per game.

- Parker is the first Hawkeye coach to win the Broyles Award.
- He is the third Iowa assistant to earn the AFCA honor, joining Norm Parker (2011) and Ron Aiken (2002).

ALL-AMERICANS

- Cooper DeJean – FWAA (first team), CBS (first team), The Athletic (first team)
- Jay Higgins – FWAA (first team), CBS (second team)
- Tory Taylor – FWAA (first team), CBS (first team unanimous), The Athletic (first team)

NATIONAL AWARDS

- Cooper DeJean (Nagurski finalist/Jim Thorpe Award finalist/Lott IMPACT Trophy semifinalist /Bednarik Award semifinalist)
- Joe Evans (Burlsworth Trophy semifinalist)
- Jay Higgins (Butkus Award semifinalist)
- Drew Stevens (Lou Groza Award semifinalist)
- Tory Taylor (Ray Guy Award recipient)
- Phil Parker (Broyles Award recipient)

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THE NATION'S BEST PUNTER

Senior Tory Taylor became the first Hawkeye to win the Ray Guy Award, which is given to the nation's top punter. The Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year is third in the nation with a 47.9 punting average on a NCAA-most 86 punts. Taylor set Iowa's single season punting yardage record in three straight seasons.

B1G HONORS

Junior Cooper DeJean was selected as the Tatum-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year and the Rodgers-Dwight Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year, while senior Tory Taylor was recognized as the Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year.

DeJean is the sixth Hawkeye to be voted the top defensive back in the Big Ten and the third player to earn the league's top returner honor. Taylor earns the top punter honor for the second time in his career (2020). He is the first punter in league history to earn the distinction more than once.

Iowa had 20 players earn All-Big Ten recognition, including first-team honorees Jay Higgins (linebacker), DeJean (defensive back, return specialist) and Taylor (punter). Sebastian Castro (defensive back) garnered second-team honors, while Joe Evans (defensive end), Nick Jackson (linebacker), Drew Stevens (placekicker), Logan Jones (center), Connor Colby (guard) and Nick DeJong (guard) were third-team honorees.

The Hawkeyes had four players garner Associated Press All-Big Ten honors -- Cooper DeJean (first-team; DB/all-purpose), Jay Higgins (first-team LB), Tory Taylor (first-team P) and Sebastian Castro (second-team DB).

B1G WEST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

The Hawkeyes clinched an outright Big Ten West Division title and a trip to Indianapolis for the Big Ten Championship Game with a 15-13 victory over Illinois on Nov. 18 in Kinnick Stadium. It is the third Big Ten West Division crown in program history and its second in three seasons (2015, 2021, 2023).

10 & COUNTING

The Hawkeyes notched their 10th victory in the 13-10 walk-off road win at Nebraska on Nov. 24. It was the seventh time the Hawkeyes have recorded their 10th victory during the regular season, including five under head coach Kirk Ferentz.

It is the 11th time in program history that the team has reached the 10-win mark (1985, 1987, 1991, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2015, 2019, 2021, 2023).

The Hawkeyes finished the regular season with a 7-2 Big Ten record. It is the fifth time Iowa has won at least seven league contests under Ferentz (2002, 2004, 2015, 2021, 2023).

Iowa will join an exclusive list if it can hoist the Citrus Bowl trophy on Jan. 1 in Orlando. The Hawkeyes would become just the fourth team in program history to reach the 11-win mark, joining the 2002, 2009 and 2015 teams.

UNLIKELY HEROES

The Hawkeyes had two unlikely heroes -- DL Ethan Hurkett and K Marshall Meeder -- who were instrumental in propelling Iowa to a Heroes Game victory over Nebraska in Lincoln on Black Friday.

Hurkett picked a good time to record his first career interception -- on Nebraska's final offensive series -- as he dropped into zone coverage, intercepted QB Chubba Purdy and returned it 16 yards to the Husker 37 to set up Iowa's game-winning field goal. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, native led the team with a career-high nine tackles and 1.5 TFL in the game.

Meeder, who transferred to Iowa from Central Michigan and joined the team two weeks prior to the start of the season, will go down in Hawkeye lore after drilling a game-winning 38-yard field goal as time expired. It was Meeder's first career game as a Hawkeye and his first attempt of the season.

It was Iowa's second game-winning field goal this season as Drew Stevens made a game-winner in Week 9 in the road win at Northwestern.

PBU

In their first game without all-everything DB Cooper DeJean's season-ending injury, the Hawkeye defense finished with a season-high 13 pass breakups against Illinois in Week 11. They were the most PBUs by Iowa since amassing 14 in a win over Indiana in 2002.

Seven different Hawkeyes had at least one pass breakup against an Illini offense that threw the ball 47 times. Junior DB Jermari Harris had a career-high eight tackles and four pass breakups in the game -- the most since Quinn Schulte in 2022 against South Dakota State.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location: Iowa City, Iowa
Founded: 1847
Enrollment: 31,452
President: Barbara J. Wilson
Interim Director of Athletics: Beth Goetz
Conference: Big Ten (West Division)
Nickname: Hawkeyes
Mascot: Herky
Colors: Black and Gold (PMS 116)
First Year of Football: 1889
All-Time Record: 695-575-39
All-Time Bowl Record: 18-16-1
National Champions: 1921, '22 '56, '58, '60

ON THE AIR

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IOWA COACHES GAME DAY LOCATIONS

OFFENSE

Brian Ferentz (field)	Offensive Coordinator/QBs
Ladell Betts (field)	Running Backs
Kelton Copeland (booth)	Wide Receivers
George Barnett (field)	Offensive Line
Abdul Hodge (field)	Tight Ends

DEFENSE

Phil Parker (field)	Defensive Coordinator/DBs
Kelvin Bell (field)	Defensive Line
Jay Niemann (booth)	Assistant Defensive Line
Seth Wallace (field)	Asst. Defensive Coordinator/LBs

SPECIAL TEAMS

LeVar Woods (field)	Special Teams Coordinator

STADIUM INFORMATION

Stadium: Kinnick Stadium
Field: Duke Slater Field
Opened: 1929
Capacity: 69,250
Playing Surface: Field Turf
All-Time Record: 315-193-15

O COMES THROUGH

The Hawkeyes had their longest scoring drive in both plays (14) and time of possession (7:59) in the second quarter in the 15-13 victory over Illinois.

Iowa outgained Illinois, 281-280, in the game with 54 yards coming when it counted most on a four-play, 54-yard touchdown drive in the fourth quarter. Sophomore RB Kaleb Johnson's 30-yard touchdown run propelled Iowa to its ninth win.

STIFLING SHUTOUT!

The Hawkeyes notched their first shutout of the season in its 22-0 victory over Rutgers. It was the team's first Big Ten shutout since 2019 (Rutgers) and third since the start of the 2022 season. Iowa has 16 shutouts during the Kirk Ferentz era.

Iowa limited the Scarlet Knights to 127 yards -- the fewest in a league game since 2019. The rushing defense held Rutgers 150 yards below its season average (34 yards) and bottled up the Big Ten's leading rusher, limiting Kyle Monangai to 39 yards on 13 carries.

The 127 yards are the seventh fewest allowed in the Ferentz era, while the seven first downs allowed are tied for the sixth fewest and the seven pass completions allowed are tied for the fifth fewest.

OFFENSE BREAKS THROUGH

After averaging 225.3 yards over its first nine games, Iowa's offense erupted for 402 yards against the nation's 10th-ranked Rutgers defense on Nov. 11. It was the first 400-yard game in the last 32 contests (Maryland, 2021).

The Hawkeyes had 223 passing and 173 rushing yards -- the first 200+ passing and 100+ rushing game since Northwestern in 2022.

QB Deacon Hill passed for a career-high 223 yards, completing a season-high 20 passes.

Seven different receivers caught at least one pass and three running backs had 53 or more yards.

Iowa didn't have a three-and-out in the game, had a season-high 21 first downs and punter Tory Taylor had just three punts -- a season low.

The offensive unit was 9-of-18 on third downs and 2-of-2 on fourth downs in the game and controlled the time of possession to the tune of 38:22 -- the seventh-best all-time under Kirk Ferentz.

THE NITTY GRITTY

IOWA (10-3, 7-2)

TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA	OPP
Points/Game	16.6	13.2
First Downs	170	205
Rushing/Game	115.7	102.5
Passing/Game	123.2	172.2
Total Offense/Game	238.8	274.8
Fumbles-Lost	22-10	16-5
Pen./Yds. per game	46/30.2	82/53.7
Time of Poss.	28:32	31:28

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
L. Williams	164	804	4.9	1	61.8
K. Johnson	110	429	3.9	3	47.7

PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
D. Hill	115-233-6	49.4	1,096	5	91.3
C. McNamara	46-90-3	51.1	505	4	101.0

RECEIVING	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
N. Ragaini	29	252	8.7	0	19.4
A. Ostrenga	29	178	6.1	2	16.2

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	Int.	PB
J. Higgins	65-90-155	4.0	1.0	1	4
N. Jackson	42-57-99	8.0	4.0	0	3

TENNESSEE (8-4, 4-4 SEC)

TEAM STATISTICS	TENN	OPP
Points/Game	31.5	22.0
First Downs	259	233
Rushing/Game	202.6	113.8
Passing/Game	250.9	234.9
Total Offense/Game	453.5	348.7
Fumbles-Lost	14-7	10-5
Pen./Yds. per game	98/71.1	67/40.2
Time of Poss.	24:02	35:35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	YPG
J. Wright	137	1,013	7.4	4	84.4
J. Small	95	475	5.0	2	43.2

PASSING	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
J. Milton	229-354-5	64.7	2,813	20	234.4
N. Iamaleava	16-26-0	61.5	163	1	40.8

RECEIVING	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
S. White	64	764	11.9	2	63.7
R. Keyton	32	591	18.5	6	49.3

DEFENSE	U-A-TT	TFL	Sack	Int.	PB
E. Herring	29-47-76	2.5	0	0	0
A. Beasley	35-32-67	11.5	3	1	3

NCAA TEAM RANKINGS

CATEGORY	IOWA	TENN
Total Offense	130	17
Rushing Offense	107	12
Passing Offense	127	46
Team Passing Eff.	129	44
Scoring Offense	127	40
Total Defense	5	39
Rushing Defense	13	23
Passing Yards Allowed	9	78
Team Passing Eff. Def.	5	75
Scoring Defense	4	37
Turnover Margin	94	36
3rd Down Conversion Pct.	123	38
4th Down Conversion Pct.	68	122
3rd Down Conversion Pct. Def.	19	59
4th Down Conversion Pct. Def.	82	2
Red Zone Offense	79	73
Red Zone Defense	12	101
Net Punting	2	20
Punt Returns	38	13
Kickoff Returns	20	72
First Downs Offense	129	53
First Downs Defense	16	48
Fewest Penalties Per Game	5	128
Time of Possession	100	130

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IOWA FOOTBALL BY THE NUMBERS

208	Ferentz's overall career victories
200	Ferentz won his 200th career game at Iowa State on Sept. 9, 2023
196	Ferentz's career wins as Iowa's all-time winningest football coach
100	Ferentz won his 100th career Big Ten game at Penn State in 2020
85	NFL Draft picks under Kirk Ferentz
62	Calvin Jones' retired number, one of two in school history
55	Hawkeyes who have played in the Super Bowl
35	Bowl games (18-16-1)
31	Ferentz's career wins against AP-ranked opponents
29	Players have combined to earnAcademic All-America honors
29	Consensus All-Americans (13 under Kirk Ferentz)
27	Times finished a season ranked
26	First-team All-America honors under Kirk Ferentz
24	Heisman Trophy winner (1939) Nile Kinnick's retired number
24	First or second round NFL draft picks under Kirk Ferentz
18	Bowl Victories
17	CFB Hall of Famers
14	Consensus All-Americans under Ferentz
12	School record 12 wins in 2015
11	Big Ten Championships
11	Players under Ferentz who have won a total of 13 national awards
10	Former players recognized on Kinnick Stadium Wall of Honor
9	Bowl wins under Kirk Ferentz
5	National Championships (1921, 1922, 1956, 1958, 1960)
5	Five times finished the year ranked in top 10 under Ferentz
5	Former Hawkeyes in Pro Football Hall of Fame
4	Kirk Ferentz has been named B1G Coach of the Year
3	Three times won 11 games or more under Kirk Ferentz (2002, 2009, 2015)

CAPTAINS BY WEEK

Utah State: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, McNamara
Iowa State: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, McNamara
W. Michigan: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, McNamara
Penn State: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee, McNamara
Michigan St.: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee, McNamara
Purdue: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, McNamara
Wisconsin: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, McNamara
Minnesota: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, McNamara
Northwestern: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee
Rutgers: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee
Illinois: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee
Nebraska: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee
Michigan: Evans, Higgins, Lachey, Lee

STEVENS EARNS B1G SPECIAL TEAMS HONOR

Sophomore Drew Stevens was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week -- the third Hawkeye special teamer to be honored -- after drilling a game-winning 53-yard field goal with 14 seconds remaining in Iowa's 10-7 road win over Northwestern at Wrigley Field. It is Stevens' second career game-winner (at Minnesota, 2022) and tied for the second-longest field goal of his career.

It is Stevens' second career weekly honor as he was the Big Ten Freshman of the Week in 2022.

ROCK STAR TORY

Senior punter Tory Taylor was named the Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week on Oct. 24 after punting nine times for 444 yards, averaging 49.3 yards, against Minnesota. Four of his kicks traveled over 50 yards and four were downed inside the 20. Taylor has also been named to the Ray's 8 list five times in 2023.

Taylor punted seven times for 353 yards in the Big Ten Championship Game against Michigan. The yardage total was the second-most in BTCG history, his seven punts were tied for third and his 50.4 average was fourth. He had a 67-yarder in the game, the second longest punt in the game's history.

Taylor earned his third Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week honor on Nov. 20 after punting eight times for a 51.6-yard average in Iowa's 15-13 victory over Illinois. In his final home game, Taylor had six punts of 50+ yards and two punts downed inside the 20. His eight punts pushed him past Jason Baker for the most career punts in school history.

Taylor was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week on Oct. 9 after punting six times for 284 yards (47.3 average) in Iowa's 20-14 win over Purdue. Two of his six punts went over 50 yards (61 and 57) and two were downed inside the 20-yard line.

Taylor earned his second straight weekly honor on Oct. 14 after putting on a punting display in the road win at Wisconsin. He had a career-high 506 combined punting yards (50.6 average) with half of his 10 punts going over 50 yards (two 60+) and six punts were downed inside the 20.

Taylor has six career Big Ten weekly honors (2021 at Iowa State; 2022 vs. South Dakota State; 2022 at Rutgers, 2023 vs. Purdue; 2023 at Wisconsin, 2023 vs. Illinois). He is a midseason first-team All-American by the AP, ESPN, Sporting News, CBS, The Athletic and FOX and is a semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award.

DEJEAN/JACKSON EARN BIG TEN WEEKLY ACCOLADES

DB Cooper DeJean was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week on Oct. 2 after leading the Hawkeyes to a 26-16 win over Michigan State on Sept. 30. The Odebolt, Iowa, native had a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to break a 16-all tie. It was the 15th longest punt return in school history, the first of his career and the first by a Hawkeye since 2020. DeJean also had six tackles and an interception in the game.

LB Nick Jackson was selected as the Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 2 after recording 10 tackles -- his second straight 10+ tackle game -- a tackle for loss and a key fourth quarter forced fumble that led to a game-sealing Hawkeye field goal.

The honors are the first of DeJean and Jackson's careers.

CASTRO EARNS B1G DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

Senior DB Sebastian Castro was named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 11. The Illinois native have a 30-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter, had four tackles and added a pass breakup in Iowa's 20-13 road victory at Iowa State. Castro's pick-six extended Iowa's active streak to 16 consecutive seasons -- the second-longest streak nationally.

BROWN EMERGES

The Hawkeyes have an emerging weapon in the wide receiving corps in sophomore Kaleb Brown. The Illinois native has 19 catches for 176 yards and a touchdown over Iowa's last five games.

Brown had a key 23-yard completion on Iowa's eventual game-winning scoring drive in the road win at Northwestern before recording three catches for 27 yards and his first career touchdown -- a 10-yarder -- against Rutgers.

Brown's ascension continued against Illinois when he had career-highs in receptions (7), receiving yards (71), while tallying his longest career reception (31). The 71 receiving yards are the most by a Hawkeye wide receiver this season.

He had five catches for 34 yards in the Big Ten Championship Game. Brown has three or more catches in three straight games.

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

D STANDS UP TO MICHIGAN

Iowa's defense held second-ranked Michigan to a season-low 213 yards in the Big Ten Championship Game in Indianapolis – 182 yards below its season average. The Wolverines had just 66 rushing yards, 103.8 yards below their regular season average. Iowa allowed 26 points, but Michigan's two touchdowns came on 5 and 6-yard scoring drives.

MORE BIG TIME TIGHT ENDS?

Sophomore Addison Ostrenga has been one of Iowa's top receiving weapons during the final month of the season, pulling in 23 receptions for 133 yards and one touchdown. He had a career-high eight receptions for 47 yards against Rutgers before making five catches for 24 yards and his second career touchdown against Illinois in Week 12. Ostrenga had a team-high seven catches for 50 yards against Michigan in the BTCG.

His eight receptions are the most by a Hawkeye since Sam LaPorta had nine receptions last season at Illinois.

Ostrenga wasn't the only Hawkeye tight end who made a big contribution against Rutgers. Freshman Zach Ortwerth had a 54-yard reception to set up an Iowa field goal. It was the longest reception of the season by a Hawkeye.

LESHON TO THE HOUSE

RB Leshon Williams had an 82-yard touchdown run in the second quarter of Iowa's road win at Wisconsin. His rush was tied for the ninth longest in program history, the longest by a Hawkeye since 1997 (Tavian Banks) and the longest all-time by a Hawkeye against Wisconsin. It is tied for the seventh longest run in the nation this season.

Williams, who was an honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by the media and coaches, has a team-high three 100-yard games this season and is Iowa's leading rusher with 804 yards (36th-most in a single season) on 164 carries, averaging 4.9 yards per attempt. He is the 52nd player in program history to reach 1,000 career yards; he has 1,285 yards to rank 34th in program history.

He recorded his third 100-yard game in the road win at Nebraska, rushing 16 times for 111 yards. He had a 53-yard run in the second quarter, which is tied for his second longest and the team's fourth longest of the season, and a 22-yarder on Iowa's final drive to set up the game-winning field goal.

Williams' most productive game came when he finished with a career-high 174 rushing yards -- the most by a Hawkeye this season -- on 25 attempts in Madison. It was his second 100-yard game of the year. He had his first career 100-yard game, rushing for 145 yards on 12 carries against Western Michigan (and he had two receptions for 27 yards, including a 25-yard touchdown).

He has six "explosive" runs this season, including three runs of 53+ yards (82, 53, 53).

KJ GOES OVER 1K

In his first game since Week 2 at Iowa State, sophomore RB Kaleb Johnson returned to record his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and fourth of his career in Iowa's Homecoming victory over Purdue. The Ohio native rushed for 134 yards -- the second-highest total of his career -- on 17 attempts and scored a touchdown, a 67-yarder in the opening quarter. It was Iowa's longest offensive play of the season and the second-longest run of Johnson's career.

Johnson's 134-yard performance pushed him over the 1,000-yard mark for his career. He is the 51st player in program history to surpass the 1,000-yard mark; he has 1,208 yards as a Hawkeye, ranking 38th in school history.

Against Illinois, Johnson carried the ball 10 times for 53 yards and hit paydirt, scoring on a 30-yard touchdown run -- the game-winning score -- in the fourth quarter.

Johnson is second on the team with 429 rushing yards on 110 carries with three touchdowns.

Last season, Johnson rushed for an Iowa freshman record 779 yards on 151 carries, which included three 100-yard games and a team-high six touchdowns.

Johnson had his first career 200-yard game (second career 100-yard game), finishing with 200 yards on 22 attempts with one touchdown -- his fourth of the season -- in the road win at Purdue. The yardage and attempts were both career highs.

The 200 rushing yards were the 18th-most in a single game in program history and the second-most by a Hawkeye freshman all-time (Marcus Coker, 219 vs. Missouri, Insight Bowl). He was the first Hawkeye to rush for 200 yards in a game since 2015.

WHAT A STAND!

After a pass interference penalty gave Northwestern a first-and-goal from the 2 on Nov. 4 in Wrigley Field, Iowa's defense conjured up memories of Syracuse in 2005. The Hawkeyes stopped the Wildcats on four consecutive rushing attempts -- three from the 1 -- for a turnover on downs.

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Associated Press Poll *Week 15*	USA Today Sports LBM Coaches Poll *Week 15*
1. Michigan (51)	1. Michigan (51)
2. Washington (11)	2. Washington (8)
3. Texas	3. Florida State
4. Florida State	4. Texas
5. Alabama	Alabama (3)
6. Georgia	6. Georgia
7. Ohio State	7. Ohio State
8. Oregon	8. Oregon
9. Missouri	9. Missouri
10. Penn State	10. Penn State
11. Ole Miss	11. Ole Miss
12. Oklahoma	12. Oklahoma
13. LSU	13. LSU
14. Arizona	14. Arizona
15. Notre Dame	15. Louisville
16. Louisville	16. Notre Dame
17. SMU	**17. Iowa**
18. Liberty	18. NC State
19. NC State	19. SMU
20. Iowa	20. Liberty
21. Oregon State	21. Oklahoma State
22. Oklahoma State	22. Oregon State
23. Tulane	23. Tennessee
24. James Madison	24. Tulane
25. Tennessee	25. James Madison

HAWKEYES IN THE POLLS

Date	AP	COACHES	S16	CFP
Preseason	25	RV (26)	RV	--
Sept. 5	RV (26)	RV (26)	RV	--
Sept. 11	25	24	RV	--
Sept. 18	24	22	RV	--
Sept. 25	--	RV (39)	--	--
Oct. 2	--	RV (32)	--	--
Oct. 9	RV (34)	RV (29)	--	--
Oct. 16	24	23	RV	--
Oct. 23	--	RV (29)	--	--
Oct. 30	--	RV (31)	--	--
Nov. 6	RV (32)	RV (27)	--	--
Nov. 13	RV (26)	22	RV	16
Nov. 20	20	19	--	--
Nov. 27	18	17	16	--
Dec. 3	20	17	RV	17

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CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

HEAT SEEKING CASTRO

Senior DB Sebastian Castro has been a like a heat seeking missile for the Hawkeye defense, piling up 61 tackles (third-most on the team), including eight tackles for loss out of the CASH position, while intercepting a team-high three passes and recording eight pass break-ups. His three picks are eighth in the Big Ten and 47th nationally. Castro also had a forced fumble in Iowa's road win at Nebraska and a career-high nine tackles in the BTCG against No. 2 Michigan.

Castro was a second-team All-Big Ten honoree in 2023.

The Illinois native, who was a high school teammate of RB Leshon Williams, had seven solo tackles, including two TFL and a fourth quarter interception that sealed Iowa's road win in Madison.

Castro also came on a blitz in the fourth quarter against the Badgers in their own end zone. He flushed QB Braedyn Locke from the pocket to allow DL Yahya Black to record a sack and forced fumble, which ultimately resulted in a safety.

IOWA IN OVERTIME

Iowa holds a 7-5 record in overtime games. Iowa won its first overtime contest, defeating Penn State 26-23 on Nov. 4, 2000, in State College, Pa. The Hawkeyes are 3-4 in single overtime, 3-0 in double overtime and 1-1 in triple overtime. Iowa is 2-2 in overtime in Kinnick Stadium and 5-3 in overtime road games. Following are Iowa's overtime games:

Date	Result	OT's	Opponent
11/4/00	W, 26-23	Double	at Penn State
9/28/02	W, 42-35	Single	at Penn State
10/22/05	L, 23-20	Single	vs. Michigan
9/09/06	W, 20-13	Triple	at Syracuse
10/27/07	W, 34-27	Double	vs. Michigan St.
11/14/09	L, 27-24	Single	at Ohio State
9/10/11	L, 44-41	Triple	at Iowa State
10/13/12	W, 19-16	Double	at Michigan St.
10/26/13	W, 17-10	Single	vs. Northwestern
11/28/14	L, 37-34	Single	vs. Nebraska
9/9/17	W, 44-41	Single	at Iowa State
10/21/17	L, 17-10	Single	at Northwestern

TRUE FRESHMAN STARTERS SINCE 1999

Since 1999, Kirk Ferentz's first year as Iowa head coach, 33 true freshmen have started for the Hawkeyes.

Year	Player (# of games)
2022	Kaleb Johnson, RB (5)
2022	Xavier Nwankpa (1)
2021	Connor Colby, OL (7)
2021	Keagan Johnson, WR (6)
2021	Arland Bruce, IV (2)
2019	Tyler Goodson, RB (2)
2019	Dane Belton, DB (3)
2019	Jack Campbell, LB (1)
2019	Sam LaPorta, TE (1)
2018	Riley Moss, CB (6)
2018	Julius Brents, CB (5)
2017	Matt Hankins, FS (2)
2017	Ihmir Smith-Marsette, WR (3)
2017	Tristan Wirfs, OL (7 RT, 1 LT)
2016	Manny Rugamba, CB (3)
2015	Jerminic Smith, WR (2)
2015	James Daniels, LG (2)
2013	Matt VandeBerg, WR (2)
2013	Desmond King, CB (12)
2012	Greg Garmon, RB (1)
2011	Jordan Canzeri, RB (1)
2010	Marcus Coker, RB (2)
2010	James Morris, LB (4)
2009	Brandon Wegher, RB (2)
2007	Bryan Bulaga, LG (5)
2006	Dominique Douglas, WR (11)
2006	A.J. Edds, LB (1)
2003	Mike Jones, LG (7)
2003	Champ Davis, FB (1)
2000	Benny Sapp, CB (8)
2000	Bob Sanders, SS (4)
2000	Jonathan Babineaux, FB (3)
1999	Fred Barr, LB (6)

ROAD GRINDERS

The Hawkeye rushing attack churned out 381 yards in consecutive victories over Purdue and Wisconsin -- the most in a two-game stretch since 2020 (226 vs. Michigan State, 235 vs. Minnesota). Iowa's 200 yards against the Badgers are the most since 2008.

Iowa finished with 179 yards against Rutgers on Nov. 11 against the nation's 10th-ranked defense and 163 yards against the Huskers' fifth-ranked rushing defense. Nebraska entered the game allowing 86.5 yards per game.

The Hawkeyes rushed for 254 yards against Western Michigan on Sept. 16 -- the most for the program since 2019 versus Middle Tennessee State (351 yards).

D CREATES HAVOC

After combining for three sacks and 24 tackles for loss in Iowa's first five games, the Hawkeye defense created havoc in Week 6 against Purdue. Iowa finished with a season-high six sacks (by five different players) and had a season-high 12 tackles for loss, matching the defense's performance in the Music City Bowl victory over Kentucky.

DL Logan Lee had career highs across the board, finishing with 10 tackles, 2.5 TFL and two sacks. It was his first career game with 10+ tackles.

DE Joe Evans finished with seven tackles, including a career-best 4.5 TFL and one sack. The 4.5 TFL are tied for the fourth most in a game nationally this season.

1-2 PUNCH

Iowa linebackers Jay Higgins and Nick Jackson have been the definition of productive for the Hawkeyes in 2023. The duo have combined for 254 tackles this season, the most by a Power 5 tandem nationally.

In all games, Higgins has 155 tackles -- the most by a Power 5 player. The 155 tackles are the fourth-most in a single season in program history, trailing only Andre Jackson (171), Abdul Hodge (158) and Chad Greenway (156).

Higgins has led or tied for the team lead in tackles in 11 of Iowa's 13 games.

In Big Ten contests, Higgins had a league-best 109 tackles -- 21 more than Northwestern's Bryce Gallagher. Higgins averaged 12.1 tackles per game in nine league games.

Both Higgins and Jackson earned All-Big Ten honors and both were named to the Lombardi Award Midseason Watch List; Higgins was a semifinalist for the Butkus Award.

QB DEAC

Wisconsin transfer Deacon Hill took the reins of the Iowa quarterback position when Cade McNamara departed with a lower body injury in the first quarter of the Week 5 game against Michigan State. Hill completed 11-of-27 passes for 115 yards and his first career touchdown -- a 13 yarder to Erick All.

In his first eight career starts, Hill has posted a 6-2 record. He is 115-of-233 for 1,096 yards with five touchdowns and six interceptions. Four of Hill's five touchdowns have gone to Hawkeye tight ends.

The California native had his best game as a Hawkeye, completing a career-high 20-of-31 passes for 223 yards against Rutgers. He had a 10-yard touchdown pass to WR Kaleb Brown -- his fourth touchdown pass of the season and second in as many games. Against Illinois, Hill completed 19-of-29 attempts for 167 yards and one touchdown.

Hill was recruited to Wisconsin by Iowa senior special assistant to the head coach Jon Budmayr. As a prep, Hill threw for 3,102 yards and 33 touchdowns and ran for 461 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior. He played in only three games during his COVID-shortened senior season.

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

IOWA'S DEFENSE...

• has allowed just five touchdowns in their last 28 quarters and seven touchdowns over their last 36 quarters (eight games).
• has given up 15 touchdowns in 13 games, which are the third fewest in the nation.
• is giving up 3.99 yards per play -- the second-lowest figure in the nation (Penn State).
• has given up one touchdown or less in 10 of 13 games this season. The unit has allowed one touchdown or less in 19 of the last 26 contests and has held nine teams without a touchdown since the start of the 2022 season.
• posted its third shutout since the start of the 2022 season on Nov. 11 against Rutgers.
• allowed six points in the road win at Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes shut out the Badgers in the first half and it marked just the fourth time in the last 20 years for Wisconsin to be shutout in the first half at home.
• has allowed four rushing touchdowns in 13 games -- the second fewest in the nation.
• held two straight opponents under 100 yards passing (Northwestern 81, Rutgers 93). It was the first time this happened in consecutive games since 1995.
• has held seven of its last eight opponents under 100 yards rushing, including Rutgers to a season-low 37 yards. Iowa has held eight opponents under 100 yards this season.
• is fourth nationally in scoring defense, surrendering 13.2 points per game.
• is fifth in total defense (274.8) and team passing efficiency defense (100.46), 12th in red zone defense (.750), 13th in rushing defense (102.5), 16th in first downs defense (205) and 19th in third-down conversion defense (.316).

EVANS – A SACK TOP 10'ER

Sixth-year DL Joe Evans, who began his career as a walk-on linebacker, moved into a tie for sixth place on Iowa's career sacks list against Illinois. The Ames, Iowa, native has 24 career sacks, which are tied with Bill Ennis-Inge.

With 3.5 more sacks, Evans would move into the top five in program history (1. Jared Devries (43.0), 2. Mike Wells (33.0), 3. Matt Roth (30.0), t4. Larry Blue (26.5), t4. A.J. Epenesa (26.5).

TIGHT END U!!

Iowa's tight end room has accounted for 42.9 percent of the team's receptions in 2023 as five Hawkeyes have 69 receptions for 755 yards and five touchdowns.

Graduate transfer Erick All had 21 catches for 299 yards and a team-best three touchdowns, while junior Luke Lachey had 10 catches for 131 yards. Lachey and All are both out for the season.

TE Addison Ostrenga had a career-high eight receptions for 47 yards against Rutgers and seven catches for 50 yards in the Big Ten title game against Michigan. He is tied for the team lead with 29 catches for 178 yards and two touchdowns.

TE Steven Stilianos (7 catches, 92 yards), TE Zach Ortwerth (1 catch, 54 yards) and TE Johnny Pascuzzi (1 catch, 1 yard) are Iowa's "next man up." Stilianos was an all-conference player at Lafayette before transferring to Iowa in 2022. Ortwerth had a 54-yard reception -- the first of his career against Rutgers -- which is the longest reception by a Hawkeye receiver this season.

SAFETY X 3

Iowa recorded its third safety of the season in the first quarter against Illinois when DL Joe Evans sacked Illini quarter John Paddock in the end zone to give the Hawkeyes a 2-0 lead. It is the first time since 2018 that Iowa has had three safeties in a single season.

The team's second safety of the season came in the road win at Wisconsin when DB Sebastian Castro came on a blitz and DL Yahya Black's sack forced a fumble in the end zone (that was recovered by the Badgers).

Iowa's defense has scored 12 points in 2023 via one pick-six and the three safeties.

A CLEAN NOTE PAD

The Hawkeyes have two games this season where they did not commit a penalty -- Week 2 at Iowa State and Week 11 vs. Rutgers. Iowa has played penalty free football three times in its last 16 games (at Minnesota, 2022).

Since 1970, Iowa has nine games where it hasn't committed a penalty.

Iowa is fifth nationally in fewest penalties per game (3.54), fewest penalty yards (392), fewest penalty yards per game (30.15) and sixth in fewest penalties (46).

HAWKEYES IN THE NFL

Iowa football players have a long tradition of being well prepared for professional football following their college playing careers. Since 2010, 50 Hawkeyes have been selected in the NFL Draft. Today, 40 Hawkeyes are on NFL rosters.

NAME	TEAM	POS.
C.J. Beathard	Jacksonville Jaguars	QB
Dane Belton	New York Giants	S
Jack Campbell	Detroit Lions	LB
Coy Cronk	Jacksonville Jaguars	OL
James Daniels	Pittsburgh Steelers	OL
Carl Davis	Seattle Seahawks	DL
A.J. Epenesa	Buffalo Bills	DL
Noah Fant	Seattle Seahawks	TE
James Ferentz	New England Patriots	OL
Chauncey Golston	Dallas Cowboys	DL
Tyler Goodson	Indianapolis Colts	RB
Matt Hankins	Los Angeles Chargers	DB
Jack Heflin	New Orleans Saints	DL
Parker Hesse	Atlanta Falcons	TE
T.J. Hockenson	Minnesota Vikings	TE
Amani Hooker	Tennessee Titans	S
Micah Hyde	Buffalo Bills	S
Alaric Jackson	Los Angeles Rams	OL
Josey Jewell	Denver Broncos	LB
Jaleel Johnson	Tennessee Titans	DL
Desmond King	Houston Texans	DB
George Kittle	San Franciso 49ers	TE
Casey Kreiter	New York Giants	LS
Sam LaPorta	Detroit Lions	TE
Tyler Linderbaum	Baltimore Ravens	C
Kaevon Merriweather	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	S
Riley Moss	Denver Broncos	DB
Anthony Nelson	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	DL
Matt Nelson	Detroit Lions	OL
Ben Niemann	Denver Broncos	LB
Nick Niemann	Los Angeles Chargers	LB
Michael Ojemudia	Los Angeles Rams	DB
Riley Reiff	New England Patriots	OL
Brandon Scherff	Jacksonville Jaguars	OL
Ihmir Smith-Marsette	Carolina Panthers	WR
Geno Stone	Baltimore Ravens	S
Lukas Van Ness	Green Bay Packers	LB
Zach VanValkenburg	Los Angeles Rams	DL
Kristian Welch	Green Bay Packers	LB
Tristan Wirfs	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	OL

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

KING OF RETURNS

Iowa's kickoff return unit ranks fourth in the Big Ten and 20th nationally, averaging 23.39 yards per return this season. Junior Kaden Wetjen, who has 312 yards on 13 returns, has a 24.0 return average.

Junior Cooper DeJean had 241 punt return yards on 21 returns, averaging 11.5 yards per return, before going down with a season-ending injury. DeJean had a 70-yard punt return for a touchdown against Michigan State to break a 16-all tie in the fourth quarter. It was the 15th longest return in school history, the first of his career and the first by a Hawkeye since 2020. The Odebolt, Iowa, native is second in the Big Ten and 14th nationally with a 11.5 average and he was second nationally in punt return touchdowns.

DeJean returned a punt 54 yards for a potential game-winning touchdowns against Minnesota, but it was taken off the scoreboard following instant replay after officials deemed DeJean used an invalid fair catch signal.

T.O. CENTRAL

Iowa's defense forced multiple turnovers in three consecutive games in wins over Michigan State, Purdue and Wisconsin. For the season, the Hawkeyes are -4 in the turnover battle this season (19-15). Iowa forced three turnovers in Weeks 1-3, eight from Weeks 5-7, one in Weeks 8-12, and three in Week 12 at Nebraska.

The Hawkeyes forced a season-high four turnovers in Week 5 against Michigan State and followed with two more interceptions in Week 6 against Purdue. The four takeaways versus the Spartans were the most forced since 2021 against Penn State. Iowa had two fumble recoveries and a fourth-quarter interception (Ethan Hurkett) in Lincoln, turning the turnovers into six points.

Iowa picked off three Spartan passes on interceptions from Cooper DeJean, Sebastian Castro and Jermari Harris. They were the most turnovers by the unit since 2021 against Northwestern.

DeJean and LB Jay Higgins both had interceptions against Purdue and the Hawkeyes forced a fumble and Castro had his third interception to seal the road win at Wisconsin. Iowa also had a safety on a Yahya Black sack against the Badgers -- its second of the season.

Iowa has turned 15 turnovers into 42 points this season. The Hawkeyes have a 42-30 advantage in points off turnovers in 2023.

Under head coach Kirk Ferentz, Iowa is 122-25 when winning the turnover battle.

TACKLING LINEBACKERS

Senior LB Jay Higgins leads the Big Ten and is third nationally in tackles, averaging 11.9 tackles per game. The 11.9 tackles per game are the most by a Power 5 student-athlete. The Indianapolis native has two games with 16 or more tackles (16 vs. Utah State, 18 at Penn State) and nine games with 10+ tackles. His 18 stops in Happy Valley were the most by a Hawkeye since Jack Campbell had 18 tackles against Colorado State in 2021 and they are tied for the 10th-most nationally in a game this season.

Higgins has 10 career games with 10 or more tackles and he has led the Hawkeyes in tackles in 11 of the 13 games in 2023.

LB Nick Jackson has 99 tackles this season, including a season-high 13 stops at Penn State in Week 4. Jackson has two 10+ tackle games as a Hawkeye and 22 such games in his career. The Virginia transfer, who has 453 career tackles, ranks eighth in the Big Ten in tackles (7.6 per game). Jackson was named the Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 2.

Jackson is one tackle shy of his fourth straight 100-tackle season.

NICO'S SIXTH YEAR

Sixth-year senior Nico Ragaini returns as the veteran of Iowa's wide receiver room. The Connecticut native has 154 career receptions for 1,594 yards with five touchdowns. Ragaini eclipsed the 1,500 career receiving yards mark against Rutgers. He is fifth in school history in career receptions (154) and 20th in career yardage (1,594).

FRESHMEN TRACKER

Eight true freshmen -- DB John Nestor (9), TE Zach Ortwerth (7), RB Kamari Moulton (3), RB Terrell Washington, Jr. (3), WR Jarriett Buie (3), LB Nolan DeLong (1), DB Zach Lutmer (1) and OL Kade Pieper (1) -- have seen the field during the 2023 season.

BLOCK-R-US

The Hawkeyes have blocked three kicks this season -- two punts, one field goal -- to rank 10th nationally. Iowa's special teams' unit has six blocks since the start of the 2022 season and it has at least one block in each of the last three seasons.

Senior DL Logan Lee blocked Iowa State's Chase Contreraz's field goal on the Cyclones' opening possession of the game in Iowa's 20-13 road win in Ames. It was Lee's second career blocked kick. He also blocked a field goal attempt versus Minnesota in 2021.

Sophomore DL Anterio Thompson blocked a WMU punt in the third quarter -- his first career punt block -- that resulted in a safety. The block came in Thompson's first career game as a Hawkeye. Thompson had a second punt block in the road win at Northwestern to set up Iowa's first touchdown.

Thompson is tied for third nationally with two blocks.

TOP 20 NCAA INDIVIDUAL STATISTIC RANKINGS

2nd – Cooper DeJean – Punt Return TD (1)
3rd – Anterio Thompson – Blocks (2)
3rd – Jay Higgins – Tackles (11.9)
3rd – Tory Taylor – Punting (47.9)
14th – Cooper DeJean – Punt Returns (11.5)
17th – Jay Higgins – Solo Tackles (5.0)
17th – Jay Higgins – Fumble Recoveries (2)

BALL HAWKS

Iowa has had at least one interception return for a touchdown in each of the last 16 seasons and 21 of the last 23 seasons.

DB Sebastian Castro's 30-yard pick-six at Iowa State in Week 2 extended the streak to 16 straight seasons, which is the second-longest active streak in the nation behind Utah (19). Iowa is one of four teams nationally to have a pick-six streak of 10-plus years.

Iowa has 10 interceptions and one defensive touchdown in 2023 to rank seventh in the Big Ten and 55th nationally. The Hawkeyes led the Big Ten and the nation with six defensive touchdowns (four interceptions, two fumble returns) during the 2022 season.

HAWKEYE HISTORY

Iowa has played 1,307 games since beginning football in 1889. Iowa's overall record is 694-574-39 (.546). That includes a 430-228-16 (.650) record in home games, a 264-346-23 (.435) record in games away from Iowa City, a 360-391-25 (.480) mark in Big Ten games and a 314-193-15 (.616) record in Kinnick Stadium.

IN THE SLOW COOKER

Iowa's offensive line is more experienced in 2023 with upperclassmen starting in four of the five positions.

Iowa's returning offensive linemen have played in 296 games with 186 career starts amongst the group. Entering the season, Iowa's offensive line played in 209 games, which were tied for the ninth-most in the nation and their 126 starts ranked 10th.

Transfer Rusty Feth is the most experienced lineman on the Iowa roster, as he started 34 games and played in 38 contests at Miami (Ohio) prior to joining the Hawkeyes. Feth has started eight games at left guard.

OT Gennings Dunker -- a sophomore -- is the youngest starter on Iowa's offensive line.

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

HAWKEYE LEGACIES

Iowa has seven players on its 2023 roster whose father played for the Hawkeyes: DB Amare Bickham (Lloyd, 1993-95), LB Eric Epenesa (Epenesa, 1997), DE Joe Evans (Spence, 1989), LB Jackson Filer (Rodney, 1993-96), LB Jayden Montgomery (Jerry, 1998-02), QB Tommy Poholsky (Tom, 1986-89) and LS Liam Reardon (Bill, 1993-96).

Epenesa's brother, A.J., played at Iowa from 2017-19.

WR Alex Eichmann's grandfather, Richard "Dick" Gibbs, played at Iowa from 1965-66.

RB Max White is the great, great grandson of Max Hawkins, a member of University of Iowa's famed 'Ironmen" team in 1939 that included Iowa Heisman Trophy winner Nile Kinnick.

Four Hawkeyes had relatives that played for the Hawkeyes -- OL Griffin Liddle's father, Josh, wrestled at Iowa, DL Andrew Kraus' father, Matt, played baseball, DL Max Llewellyn's brother, Luke, played baseball at Iowa and TE Jalyn Thompson's father, Rod, played basketball.

EXPERIENCE ON DL

The Hawkeyes return two starters on the defensive line in 2023 in Joe Evans and Logan Lee. The duo started all 13 games for during the 2022 season and they have a combined 58 career starts.

Evans tied for the team lead with 6.5 sacks last season and he finished with 41 tackles, including 8.5 tackles for loss. The Ames, Iowa, has 41 tackles and team-bests in TFL (9.5) and sacks (5.5) in 2023, giving him 24 sacks for his career. Evans had a career-high seven tackles at Penn State and vs. Purdue and a career-best 4.5 TFL against the Boilermakers.

Lee, who has started 40 consecutive games -- the third most by an interior defensive lineman nationally -- had career highs in tackles (10), TFL (2.5) and sacks (2) in Iowa's Homecoming win over Purdue in Week 6.

DE Deontae Craig tied for the team lead with 6.5 sacks and had 10 TFL in a reserve role in 2022. He also forced three fumbles and had 31 tackles a season ago. Craig has 51 tackles, three sacks and 5.0 TFL in 2023.

DYNAMIC DREW

Kicker Drew Stevens' sophomore season has made 18-of-26 field goal attempts this season. The 18 field goals are tied for the second-most in the Big Ten and tied for 31st nationally.

In Week 10 against Northwestern, Stevens made a game-winning 53-yard field goal with 14 seconds remaining to give Iowa a 10-7 win at Wrigley Field. He was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week on Nov. 6.

In Week 5 against Michigan State, Stevens tied a career high with four field goals, including a make from 53 yards -- the second-longest of his career. The 53-yarder is tied for the ninth-longest in program history. Stevens made three field goals in the win over Rutgers, his third career game with three or more makes. He has 10 games with two or more field goals in his career.

He has made 34-of-44 field goal attempts (77.3 percent) in his career and is 39-of-40 on PATs. He is 4-of-6 from 50-59 yards in his Hawkeye career.

Stevens has two career game-winning field goals. He made a 21-yarder with 28 seconds remaining in a road win at Minnesota in 2022 and a 53-yarder in the road win over Northwestern on Nov. 4 at Wrigley Field.

This season, Stevens has a team and career-high 73 points (18 FG, 19 PAT), which are tied for eighth in the Big Ten. He has had a touchback on 40 of his 53 kickoffs.

As a freshman, Stevens earned freshman All-America honors during the 2022 season after making 16-of 18 field goals -- the most by a Hawkeye freshman all-time (passing Mike Meyer and Nate Kaeding). In the offseason, Stevens added 20 pounds to his 6'1" frame.

The South Carolina native went 7-for-7 from 20-29 yards, 3-for-3 from 30-39 yards, 4-of-6 from 40-49 and 2-for-2 from 50+ in 2022. Stevens finished tops in the Big Ten and 16th nationally with an .889 field goal percentage and he was sixth in the Big Ten in field goals per game (1.23).

Stevens was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award for a second straight season (2022, 2023).

Stevens made a career-long 54-yard field goal in Iowa's 33-13 win over Northwestern in 2022. It was one of a career-high four field goal makes against the Wildcats, which led to him earning Big Ten Freshman of the Week and Groza Stars of the Week honors on Oct. 31. The 54-yarder tied for the seventh-longest in program history and was the longest by a Hawkeye since Marshall Koehn drilled a 57-yarder in 2015.

2023 PLAYER COUNCIL

Fifteen players -- three sixth-year players, six seniors and six juniors -- are on the 2023 Player Council. The purpose of the group is to assist in formulating policies and being involved in team decision-making throughout the year. Players were selected following coaching staff and player input. The group consists of sixth-year student-athletes Joe Evans, Nico Ragaini and Noah Shannon, seniors Kyler Fisher, Jay Higgins, Logan Lee, Cade McNamara, Quinn Schulte and Tory Taylor and juniors Deontae Craig, Cooper DeJean, Jermari Harris, Luke Lachey and Mason Richman.

THE MOST FAMOUS PUNTER IN AMERICA

Punter Tory Taylor's senior season -- his fourth as the Hawkeyes' starting punter -- has 86 punts for a 47.9-yard average in 2023 with 36 punts of 50+ yards (six punts of 60+), 27 being fair caught and 30 being downed inside the 20, 11 inside the 10 and six inside the 5. Taylor only has six touchbacks and opponents average just 8.8 yards per return.

Taylor, who leads the Big Ten and ranks third nationally with his 47.9-yard average, is Iowa's first Ray Guy Award recipient. Taylor broke the Iowa career record for most punts against Illinois in Week 12. He has 288 punts for 13,297 yards -- both Iowa career records (passing Jason Baker).

This season, Taylor has punted at least seven times in seven games and six times in 11 of 13 games. He has punted 10 times in a game twice in his career.

The Australia native was named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week on Oct. 9 after averaging 47.3 yards on six punts with two 50+ punts (61 and 57) and two punts downed inside the 20. He earned a second straight weekly honor after punting 10 times for a career-high 506 yards with five punts of 50+ yards (two 60+) and six being downed inside the 20 in the road win at Wisconsin.

Taylor earned his third Big Ten honor after punting eight times for a 51.6 average with six 50-yard punts in the 15-13 win over Illinois.

Taylor was named the Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week on Oct. 24 after punting nine times for 444 yards against Minnesota. Four punts went over 50 yards and four were downed inside the 20. He was also named to the Ray's 8 for his efforts in Weeks 1, 2, 4 and 5. In Week 4 at Penn State, Taylor punted seven times for 366 yards, including a 62-yard boot. His 52.3 per punt average was a career best.

Taylor has a 46.2 career average over 288 punts with 125 – 43.4 percent -- landing inside the 20-yard line.

Taylor has set the school record for punt yardage in three consecutive years. He had 80 punts for 3,688 yards in 2021, 82 punts for 3,725 yards in 2022 and 86 punts for 4,119 yards in 2023.

Taylor has been named the Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week six times in his career (2021 at Iowa State, 2022 vs. South Dakota State, 2022 at Rutgers, 2023 vs. Purdue, 2023 at Wisconsin, 2023 vs. Illinois).

During the Music City Bowl win over Kentucky, Taylor tied a bowl record with eight punts for 386 yards (48.3 avg.). Four of his punts pinned the Wildcats inside the 10 and two were inside the 15. He tied Nick Gallery (1993 Alamo) and Jason Baker (1997 Sun) with eight punts.

STUDENT-ATHLETES = GRADUATES

Ten Iowa football student-athletes enter the season having already earned their undergraduate degrees: Nick DeJong, Joe Evans, Rusty Feth, Cade McNamara, Daijon Parker, Tanner Pollock, Nico Ragaini, Chris Reames, Quinn Schulte and Noah Shannon.

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

IN THE RANKINGS

Iowa was ranked 17th in the final College Football Playoff standings for the 2023 season. The Hawkeyes climbed as high as No. 16 twice during the regular season.

The Hawkeyes head into bowl season with a No. 17 ranking in the AFCA Coaches' Poll and 20th ranking in the Associated Press Poll. The team has been ranked or receiving votes in one of the polls each week of the season.

Prior to 2022, Iowa had been ranked in the AP Top 25 at least once in each of the last seven seasons, the third-longest streak in school history.

These are Iowa's most recent wins versus nationally ranked opponents:

Home:	23-20 over #4 Penn State 10/9/21
	34-6 over #17 Indiana 9/4/21
	28-7 over #25 Wisconsin 12/12/20
Road:	27-17 over #9 Iowa State, 9/11/21
	40-10 over #20 Northwestern, 10/17/15
	10-6 over #18 Wisconsin, 10/3/15
Neutral:	49-24 over #22 USC, Holiday Bowl, 12/27/19
	27-22 over #18 Mississippi State, Outback Bowl, 1/1/19
	27-24 over #12 Missouri, Insight Bowl, 12/28/10

BIG TEN PERFECTION

University of Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has twice navigated the Big Ten regular season schedule with an undefeated record. The Hawkeyes were 8-0 in 2002 and shared the Big Ten championship with Ohio State. The Hawkeyes were 8-0 in 2015, winning the Big Ten West Division title.

Since 1954, when the conference schedule expanded to seven games, only seven Big Ten coaches, including Ferentz, have multiple undefeated Big Ten seasons.

Coach (School)	Record	Year
Duffy Daugherty (MSU)	7-0	1965
Duffy Daugherty (MSU)	7-0	1966
Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	**8-0**	**2002**
Kirk Ferentz (Iowa)	**8-0**	**2015**
Jim Harbaugh (Michigan)	9-0	2022
Jim Harbaugh (Michigan)	9-0	2023
Woody Hayes (OSU)	7-0	1954
Woody Hayes (OSU)	7-0	1957
Woody Hayes (OSU)	7-0	1968
Woody Hayes (OSU)	7-0	1970
Woody Hayes (OSU)	8-0	1975
Urban Meyer (OSU)	8-0	2012
Urban Meyer (OSU)	8-0	2013
Urban Meyer (OSU)	8-0	2014
Bo Schembechler (Michigan)	8-0	1971
Bo Schembechler (Michigan)	8-0	1980
Bo Schembechler (Michigan)	8-0	1989
Jim Tressel (OSU)	8-0	2002
Jim Tressel (OSU)	8-0	2006

TROPHY COLLECTION

The Hawkeyes is 3-2 in trophy games in 2023, winning 20-13 in an Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series matchup at Iowa State. Iowa has won seven of the last eight meetings against the Cyclones. The Hawkeyes won their second game with a 15-6 road win at Wisconsin, the first in Madison since 2015 before falling 12-10 at home against Minnesota. The loss snapped an eight-game winning streak in the series. Iowa closed out the regular season with a 13-10 road win at Nebraska, the sixth straight win in Lincoln. The Hawkeyes fell to Michigan in the Big Ten Championship Game.

Iowa is 31-11 in its last 42 trophy games (includes bowl games and conference championships). The Hawkeyes are 27-9 in their last 36 rivalry trophy games (Iowa State, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin).

A BROAD PERSPECTIVE... IOWA PROGRAM NOTES

- The Hawkeyes have earned bowl eligibility in 22 of the last 23 seasons. Iowa is 10-9 in bowl games since 2001. Only Ohio State (12) and Wisconsin (12) have more bowl wins among Big Ten teams since 2001. The Hawkeyes are 18-16-1 in 35 bowl games. Iowa has won five January bowl games under Ferentz.
- Iowa is the only school to have two head football coaches since 1979. Hayden Fry took over prior to the 1979 season and coached through the 1998 season, posting a record of 143-89-6. Current coach Kirk Ferentz (196-118) replaced Fry and has completed 25 seasons. Ferentz also served as Iowa's offensive line coach from 1981-89 under Fry.
- Iowa won the Big Ten West Division title in 2021 and 2023 to earn a spot in the Big Ten Championship Game. The Hawkeyes played in the Big Ten title game for the first time in program history on Dec. 5, 2015. Iowa earned Big Ten Conference championships in 2002 and 2004 and placed second in 2009. Iowa (8-0, 2002; 8-0, 2015) is one of three Big Ten teams to post a perfect mark in conference play since 1998 (BCS era), joining Michigan State (1) and Ohio State (5).
- Iowa has ranked in the top 10 in the final Associated Press and CNN/USA Today coaches polls five times since 2002, including a ranking of seventh in both polls at the conclusion of the 2009 season. Iowa ranked eighth in 2002, 2003 and 2004. The Hawkeyes finished 2015 ranked ninth in the AP Poll and 10th in the USA Today Coaches Poll. In the Big Ten, only Ohio State has more top 10 finishes since 2002.
- Since 1936 when the first AP Poll was released, Iowa has appeared in the poll 354 times, the fifth highest total in the Big Ten (Ohio State, Michigan, Wisconsin, and MSU). Iowa has been the top-ranked team in the country 11 times.
- Iowa set a school record with 12 wins in 2015. The Hawkeyes won 11 games in 2002 (11-2), and 2009 (11-2). In 2009, Iowa started 9-0 and won 10 regular season games for just the fourth time in school history.
- Iowa won 10 or more games in three consecutive years (2002-04) for the first time in school history.
- Kirk Ferentz has been named Big Ten Coach of the Year four times (2002, 2004, 2009, 2015) and was named National Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2015. Only Michigan's Bo Schembechler (6) has more conference coach of the year honors. Iowa's Hayden Fry and Penn State's Joe Paterno both won the award three times.
- Iowa has had 13 individual national award winners under head coach Kirk Ferentz. They include Brad Banks (2002 Davey O'Brien, Top Quarterback; 2002 Associated Press National Player of the Year); Dallas Clark (2002 Mackey, Top Tight End); Nate Kaeding (2002 Groza, Top Kicker); Robert Gallery (2003 Outland, Top Lineman); Shonn Greene (2008 Doak Walker, Top Running Back); Brandon Scherff (2014 Outland, Top Lineman), Desmond King (2015 Jim Thorpe), Josey Jewell (2017 Lott IMPACT), T.J. Hockenson (2018, Mackey, Top Tight End), Tyler Linderbaum, (Rimington, Top Center), Jack Campbell (Campbell Trophy, Butkus Award).
- Iowa's offensive line earned the Joe Moore Award in 2016, an honor bestowed upon the top offensive line unit in the country.
- Iowa has six unanimous consensus All-Americans since 2010, the third-most in the nation.
- Iowa's football record in the 2000 decade was 80-45 (.640), a record that ranks as the best decade in Iowa football history, based on total wins. Iowa posted a record of 77-40-4 (.652) during the 1980's and the Hawkeyes were 62-53-2 (.538) in the 1990's. Iowa was 81-49 (.623) from 2010-19.
- Iowa had 47 wins from 2015-19, the most of any five-year period in school history.

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

IOWA FOOTBALL & THE NFL

- The Hawkeyes have had 213 former players in the NFL since 1999, Kirk Ferentz's first year as head coach (85 draft picks/128 free agents).
- Seventeen former Hawkeyes participated in the 2023 NFL Playoffs, a number that ranked eighth nationally among programs and former players. Just one Big Ten program (Ohio State) had more former players participating in the playoffs.
- Iowa and Florida lead all schools with five offensive tackles currently active in the NFL.
- Iowa is tied with Miami, Florida, Notre Dame, Penn State and Stanford with the most tight ends active in the NFL (4).
- At least one Iowa Hawkeye has been selected in every NFL Draft since 1978 (45 consecutive years).
- Iowa has had 13 First Round NFL Draft picks under head coach Kirk Ferentz.
- Iowa had two first round picks in the 2023 NFL Draft -- LB Lukas Van Ness (Packers) and LB Jack Campbell (Lions). It is the fourth time in program history Iowa has had two players selected in the first round.
- OT Tristan Wirfs and TEs George Kittle and T.J. Hockenson were both selected to the Pro Bowl in 2023. Wirfs and Kittle were Second Team NFL All-Pro selections.
- Two former Hawkeyes -- Jake Gervase and Alaric Jackson -- were members of the Los Angeles Rams' 2022 Super Bowl champion team.
- OT Tristan Wirfs earned first-team All-Pro and was a Pro Bowl selection in 2021.
- TE T.J. Hockenson (eighth overall, Detroit) and TE Noah Fant (20th overall, Denver) became the first tight ends from the same school to be drafted in the first round of a single NFL Draft (2019).
- OL Brandon Scherff (Washington) was named first-team All-Pro in 2020. TE T.J. Hockenson (Detroit), TE George Kittle (San Francisco) and Scherff (Washington) were named to the 2020 Pro Bowl.
- TE George Kittle (San Francisco) was a first-team All-Pro in 2019. OL Marshal Yanda (Baltimore) was named second-team All-Pro that same season.
- DB Desmond King (Los Angeles Chargers), LS Casey Kreiter (Denver), TE George Kittle (San Francisco), and OL Marshal Yanda (Baltimore) were named All-Pro in 2018.
- Over the past 23 years, 204-of-245 (83 percent) of Iowa's senior starters have been drafted in the NFL or signed NFL free agent contracts.
- Over the past 15 years, Iowa has had 57 NFL Draft picks, the third most in the Big Ten -- Ohio State (89), Michigan (72).
- Iowa has had 10 first round picks in the last 13 NFL drafts -- OL Bryan Bulaga, 2010; DE Adrian Clayborn, 2011; OL Riley Reiff, 2012; OL Brandon Scherff, 2015, TE T.J. Hockenson, TE Noah Fant, 2019; OL Tristan Wirfs, 2020; OL Tyler Linderbaum, 2022; LB Lukas Van Ness, 2023, LB Jack Campbell, 2023.
- Iowa had six players drafted in the 2012 NFL Draft, which tied for the most in the Big Ten and tied for fourth in the country.
- Former Hawkeye Marshal Yanda (Baltimore OL) was an eight-time Pro-Bowler (2011-16, 2018, 2019) and was named NFL All-Pro in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019. He retired following the 2019 season.
- In NFL 2011 regular season statistics, former Hawkeye linebackers Chad Greenway (Minnesota) and Pat Angerer (Indianapolis) finished third and fourth, respectively, in tackles. Greenway was named to the Pro Bowl in 2012 and 2013.
- Three former Hawkeyes were involved in the 2012 Super Bowl. DB Tyler Sash played for the Super Bowl champion New York Giants, while LB Jeff Tarpinian was on the injured reserve roster of the New England Patriots. Former Iowa center Brian Ferentz, now is his 11th year on staff and sixth as Iowa's offensive coordinator, was New England's tight ends coach.
- Former Iowa DB Sean Considine and OL Marshal Yanda won Super Bowl rings with the 2012 Baltimore Ravens in the 2013 Super Bowl.
- Former Iowa LB James Morris (injured reserve) earned a Super Bowl ring with the New England Patriots in 2015. Former TE Tony Moeaki played for the Seattle Seahawks in the same game.
- Former center James Ferentz was a member of the 2016 Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos.
- Former DT Jonathan Babineaux played for the Atlanta Falcons in Super Bowl LI. Former DE Adrian Clayborn and former DB Charles Godfrey were on the Atlanta injured reserve roster.
- Former OL Cole Croston was on the New England Patriots roster in Super Bowl LII. Former C James Ferentz and WR Riley McCarron were on the Patriots practice squad.
- Former DL Adrian Clayborn (active), OL James Ferentz, WR Riley McCarron (injured reserve), and OL Cole Croston (practice squad) earned Super Bowl rings as members of the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LIII.
- Former LB Anthony Hitchens and LB Ben Niemann played for the Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs in 2020. Former QB C.J. Beathard, TE George Kittle, and OL Ross Reynolds were on the NFC Champion San Francisco 49ers.
- Former OL Tristan Wirfs was the starting right tackle as a rookie for the 2021 Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Former DL Anthony Nelson was a reserve defensive end for the Bucs. Former LB Ben Niemann and LB Anthony Hitchens were on the AFC Champion Kansas City Chiefs.
- Entering the 2023 season, every Iowa senior starting tight end (17) under Kirk Ferentz has been drafted in the NFL or signed by an NFL team. The NFL has employed 19 Iowa tight ends since 1999 (12 drafted/7 free agents).
- All 11 members of Iowa's starting defensive unit in 2008 were either drafted or signed to NFL free agent contracts following the draft.

2023 AWARDS & HONORS

Erick All
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
Team Hustle Award, offense
Comeback Player of the Year Midseason Watch List
John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List
Senior Bowl Midseason All-America Team

Brian Allen
Team Leader Award, defense

Amare Bickham
Team Leader Award, offense

Yahya Black
Phil Steele Third-Team All-Big Ten
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)
Coaches Appreciation Award, defense

Kaleb Brown
Next Man In Award, offense

Sebastian Castro
Pro Football Focus First-Team All-America
Associated Press Third-Team All-America
Phil Steele Honorable Mention All-America
Second-Team All-Big Ten (media)
Associated Press, Phil Steele Second-Team All-Big Ten
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
Team Hustle Award, defense
Associated Press Midseason Second-Team All-America
Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 11)

Jeremy Chaplin
Academic All-Big Ten

Connor Colby
Third-Team All-Big Ten (coaches; media)
Phil Steele Third-Team All-Big Ten
Coaches Appreciation Award, offense
Academic All-Big Ten

Deontae Craig
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)
Coaches Appreciation Award, defense
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele

Cooper DeJean
FWAA, Walter Camp, AP, Sporting News, AFCA, The Athletic, CBS, Phil Steele, Sports Illustrated, First-Team All-America
Bronko Nagurski Trophy Finalist
Jim Thorpe Award Finalist
Big Ten Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year
Big Ten Rodgers-Dwight Return Specialist of the Year
First-Team All-Big Ten - Defensive Back (coaches; media)
First-Team All-Big Ten - Return Specialist (coaches; media)
Associated Press, Phil Steele First-Team All-Big Ten
Roy J. Carver Team MVP, defense
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, special teams
Reggie Roby Special Teams Award, overall
Coaches Appreciation Award, defense
Associated Press Midseason First-Team All-America
ESPN Midseason First-Team All-America
Sporting News Midseason First-Team All-America
FOX Midseason First-Team All-America
The Athletic Midseason First-Team All-America
Chuck Bednarik Award Semifinalist
Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist
Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List
Big Ten Conference Preseason Honors List
Preseason second-team All-America by Phil Steele
Preseason second-team All-America by Athlon Sports
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon (special teams)
Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 2)

Nick DeJong
Third-Team All-Big Ten (coaches)
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)
Brett Greenwood Award

Jack Dotzler
Academic All-Big Ten

Gennings Dunker
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)
Team Hustle Award, offense
CSC Academic All-District
Academic All-Big Ten

Luke Elkin
Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams
Academic All-Big Ten

Tyler Elsbury
Next Man In Award, offense

Koen Entringer
Academic All-Big Ten

Joe Evans
Burlsworth Trophy Semifinalist
Third-Team All-Big Ten (media)
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
Phil Steele Fourth-Team All-Big Ten
Permament Team Captain
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense
Iron Hawk Award
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
Academic All-Big Ten

Greg Fagan
Academic All-Big Ten

Kirk Ferentz
Dodd Trophy Semifinalist

Rusty Feth
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches; media)

Kyler Fisher
Brett Greenwood Award
Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams

Graham Friedrichsen
Academic All-Big Ten

Luke Gaffney
Academic All-Big Ten

Aaron Graves
Forest Evashevski Academic Achievement
CSC Academic All-District
Academic All-Big Ten

Jaden Harrell
Academic All-Big Ten

Jermari Harris
Comeback Player of the Year Award

Jamison Heinz
Academic All-Big Ten

Jay Higgins
FWAA, Phil Steele, Sports Illustrated First-Team All-America
Walter Camp, Associated Press, CBS, Sporting News, AFCA Second-Team All-America
Dick Butkus Award Semifinalist
First-Team All-Big Ten (coaches; media)
Associated Press First-Team All-Big Ten
Big Ten Sportsmanship Award
Roy J. Carver Team MVP, defense
Permanent Team Captain
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense

Deacon Hill
Next Man In Award, offense

Deavin Hilson
Team Hustle Award, special teams

Will Hubert
Academic All-Big Ten

Ethan Hurkett
Team Hustle Award, defense
Academic All-Big Ten

Nick Jackson
Third-Team All-Big Ten (media)
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
Phil Steele Second-Team All-Big Ten
Coaches Appreciation Award, defense
Lombardi Award Midseason Watch List
Dick Butkus Award Preseason Watch List
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 2)

Kaleb Johnson
Next Man In Award, offense
Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten kick returner by Phil Steele
Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

Logan Jones
Third-Team All-Big Ten (coaches)
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)
Phil Steele Third-Team All-Big Ten
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, offense
Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List
Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

Kael Kolarik
Academic All-Big Ten

Andrew Kraus
Academic All-Big Ten

Kale Krogh
Academic All-Big Ten

Ben Kueter
Team Leader Award, defense
Team Leader Award, special teams

Luke Lachey
Permanent Team Captain
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, offense
John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Academic All-Big Ten

Jack Laughlin
Team Leader Award, special teams

2023 AWARDS & HONORS

Deshaun Lee
Next Man In Award, defense

Logan Lee
Phil Steele Third-Team All-Big Ten
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches; media)
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee
Academic All-Big Ten

Andrew Lentsch
Team Leader Award, offense
Academic All-Big Ten

Griffin Liddle
Academic All-Big Ten

Zach Lutmer
Team Leader Award, special teams

Judah Mallette
Team Leader Award, offense

Cade McNamara
Comeback Player of the Year Preseason Watch List
Maxwell Award Preseason Watch List

Eli Miller
Academic All-Big Ten

Jayden Montgomery
Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams
Academic All-Big Ten

Michael Myslinski
Academic All-Big Ten

John Nestor
Team Hustle Award, special teams
Next Man In Award, special teams

Xavier Nwankpa
Academic All-Big Ten

Reese Osgood
Academic All-Big Ten

Addison Ostrenga
Team Hustle Award, offense
Next Man In Award, offense
Academic All-Big Ten

Phil Parker
AFCA National Assistant Coach of the Year
Broyles Award Recipient

Johnny Pascuzzi
Academic All-Big Ten

Jeremiah Pittman
Academic All-Big Ten

Nico Ragaini
Coaches Appreciation Award, offense

Chris Reames
Academic All-Big Ten

Liam Reardon
Academic All-Big Ten

Jaxon Rexroth
Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams
CSC Academic All-District
Academic All-Big Ten

Mason Richman
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches; media)
Phil Steele Fourth-Team All-Big Ten
Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, offense
Preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
CSC Academic All-District
Academic All-Big Ten

Quinn Schulte
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches; media)
Team Hustle Award, defense
Brett Greenwood Award
Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
CSC Academic All-District
Academic All-Big Ten

Noah Shannon
Coaches Appreciation Award, defense

Drew Stevens
Lou Groza Award Semifinalist
Third-Team All-Big Ten (coaches)
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (media)
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports

Josef Smith
Academic All-Big Ten

Steven Stilianos
Coaches Appreciation Award, defense

Kahlil Tate
Team Leader Award, defense
Team Leader Award, special teams

Tory Taylor
Ray Guy Award Recipient
FWAA, Walter Camp, Associated Press, AFCA, The Athletic, Sports Illustrated, CBS (unanimous), Sporting News, Phil Steele First-Team All-America
Pro Football Focus Second-Team All-America
Big Ten Eddleman-Fields Punter of the Year
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Reggie Roby Special Teams Award, specialist
Associated Press Midseason First-Team All-America
ESPN Midseason First-Team All-America Team
Sporting News Midseason First-Team All-America
FOX Midseason First-Team All-America
CBS Midseason First-Team All-America
The Athletic Midseason First-Team All-America
Preseason first-team All-America by Phil Steele
Walter Camp Award Preseason Watch List
Preseason first-team All-America by Athlon Sports
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele
Preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports
Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Nov. 20)
Ray's 8 honoree (five of the first six weeks of 2023)

Kelby Telander
Academic All-Big Ten

Diante Vines
Academic All-Big Ten

Kaden Wetjen
Next Man In Award, special teams
Academic All-Big Ten

Max White
Team Hustle Award, special teams

Cael Winter
Team Leader Award, offense

Leshon Williams
Honorable Mention All-Big Ten (coaches)
Phil Steele Fourth-Team All-Big Ten
Roy J. Carver Team MVP, offense
Coaches Appreciation Award, offense

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

HEAD COACH KIRK FERENTZ

Kirk Ferentz (pronounced FAIR-rintz, rhymes with parents) is in his 25th season as Moon Family Head Football Coach at Iowa. He is the dean of NCAA Division I football coaches and is Iowa's all-time winningest coach, surpassing Hayden Fry in 2019. His contract runs through the 2029 season.

- Named Big Ten Coach of the Year four times in his career (2002, 2004, 2009, 2015). Only Michigan's Bo Schembechler (6) has more conference coach of the year awards.
- Guided Iowa to Big Ten titles in 2002 and 2004, and Big Ten West Division titles in 2015, 2021 and 2023.
- Named Woody Hayes, Eddie Robinson, and Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year in 2015. Was a finalist for the Maxwell Football Club, Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year award.
- Ferentz is third all-time with 196 overall wins as a member of the Big Ten, trailing only Woody Hayes (205) and Amos Alonzo Stagg (Chicago). He has 122 Big Ten wins, which are the third-most all-time, trailing only Woody Hayes (153) and Bo Schembechler (143).
- Named the 2002 Associated Press and Walter Camp National Coach of the Year and AFCA Regional Coach of the Year.
- Iowa has made two BCS bowl appearances, including a 24-14 win in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl, and one CFP Bowl (2016).
- Iowa has played in 12 January bowl games with five January bowl victories (2004 Outback Bowl, 2005 Capital One Bowl, 2009 Outback Bowl, 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl, 2019 Outback Bowl).
- Iowa has posted a 187-96 (.653) overall mark and a 118-71 (.617) Big Ten record since 2001. Ferentz has placed in the top one-half of the conference 17 times, including Big Ten titles in 2002 and 2004, a second-place finish in 2009, and West Division titles in 2015, 2021 and 2023.
- At Iowa, Ferentz holds an overall record of 196-118 (.624) and a 122-85 (.589) mark in Big Ten games. He is Iowa's all-time winningest football coach with 196 wins. In 26 seasons as a college head coach, he holds a career mark of 208-139 (.599), giving him the fourth most wins among active head coaches.
- The only Division I head coach to coach three sons at the same college. Brian, an assistant coach since 2012 and Iowa's offensive coordinator, was a Hawkeye letterman from 2003-05. James was a three-year starter on the Hawkeye offensive line before graduating in May, 2013. Steve was a senior offensive lineman in 2016. James Ferentz is in his eighth NFL season as a member of the New England Patriots. Steve Ferentz is in his first season as a member of coaching staff at the University of South Dakota (outside linebackers coach).

HAWKEYES UNDER FERENTZ

Overall	196-118	When Iowa trails at halftime	29-84
vs. ranked teams	33-52	When game is tied at halftime	11-6
vs. unranked teams	162-65	When Iowa leads after 3 quarters	164-21
vs. Big Ten teams	122-87	When Iowa trails after 3 quarters	21-89
vs. Big Ten teams (home)	67-33	When game is tied after 3 quarters	11-7
vs. Big Ten teams (away)	55-51	Games decided by 10 points or less	69-60
vs. Big Ten teams (neutral)	0-3	Games decided by 7 points or less	55-58
When rushing for 150 yards or more	118-19	Games decided by 3 points or less	26-38
When rushing for 200 yards or more	71-6	When Iowa has a positive turnover margin	122-25
When passing for 250 yards or more	48-26	When opponent has a positive turnover margin	27-62
When passing for 300 yards or more	16-8	When the turnover margin is equal	43-27
When Iowa player rushes for 100 yards	105-25	When returning a punt/kickoff for a score	15-6
When opponent has 100-yard rusher	26-53	Overtime games	7-5
When opponent has 300-yard passer	18-14	When temperature is 50 degrees or above	130-86
When scoring 30 points or more	99-9	When temperature is below 50 degrees	60-27
When scoring 20 points or more	150-44	When temperature is over 90 degrees	5-4
When opponent scores 25 points or more	19-68	When raining:	16-11
When holding opponent to 10 pts or less	81-4		
When Iowa scores first	150-38		
When Iowa leads at halftime	157-30		

OVERALL WINS (all games played as member of B1G)

	Coach, Team	Wins	Seasons	Yrs.
1.	Woody Hayes, OSU	205	28	1951-78
2.	Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI	199	37	1896-32
3.	**Kirk Ferentz, IOWA**	**196**	**24**	**1999-pr.**
4.	Bo Schembechler, MICH	194	21	1969-89
5.	Joe Paterno, PSU	162	19	1993-11
6.	Hayden Fry, IOWA	143	20	1979-98
7.	Henry Williams, MINN	136	22	1900-21
8.	Robert Zuppke, ILL	131	29	1913-41
9.	Lloyd Carr, MICH	122	13	1995-07
10.	Barry Alvarez, WIS	119	18	1990-05

BIG TEN CONFERENCE WINS

	Coach, Team	Wins	Seasons	Yrs.
1.	Woody Hayes, OSU	153	28	1951-78
2.	Bo Schembechler, MICH	143	21	1969-89
3.	**Kirk Ferentz, IOWA**	**122**	**24**	**1999-pr.**
4.	Amos Alonzo Stagg, CHI	115	37	1896-32
5.	Hayden Fry, IOWA	96	20	1979-98
6.	Joe Paterno, PSU	95	19	1993-11
7.	Lloyd Carr, MICH	81	13	1995-07
8.	Robert Zuppke, ILL	76	29	1913-41
9.	Duffy Daugherty, MSU	72	19	1954-72
10.	John Cooper	70	13	1988-00

FERENTZ RECORD AT IOWA

YEAR	OVERALL	(PCT)	BIG TEN	(PCT)	BOWL
2023	10-3	.769	7-2	.778	Citrus
2022	8-5	.583	5-4	.616	Music City
2021	10-4	.714	7-2	.778	Citrus
2020	6-2	.750	6-2	.750	Music City
2019	10-3	.769	6-3	.667	Holiday
2018	9-4	.692	5-4	.556	Outback
2017	8-5	.615	4-5	.444	Pinstripe
2016	8-5	.615	6-3	.667	Outback
2015	12-2	.857	8-0	1.000	Rose
2014	7-6	.538	4-4	.500	TaxSlayer
2013	8-5	.615	5-3	.625	Outback
2012	4-8	.333	2-6	.250	--
2011	7-6	.538	4-4	.500	Insight
2010	8-5	.615	4-4	.500	Insight
2009	11-2	.846	6-2	.750	Orange
2008	9-4	.692	5-3	.625	Outback
2007	6-6	.500	4-4	.500	--
2006	6-7	.462	2-6	.250	Alamo
2005	7-5	.583	5-3	.625	Outback
2004	10-2	.833	7-1	.875	Citrus
2003	10-3	.769	5-3	.625	Outback
2002	11-2	.846	8-0	1.000	Orange
2001	7-5	.583	4-4	.500	Alamo
2000	3-9	.250	3-5	.375	--
1999	1-10	.091	0-8	.000	--
Overall	**196-118**	**.624**	**122-85**	**.589**	

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

PHIL PARKER'S IOWA DEFENSE

- Phil Parker is the best assistant coach in college football. He is the 2023 recipient of the Frank Broyles Award and the AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year. He was also named PFF's top defensive coordinator in college football in April, 2023.

- Since Parker took over as Iowa's defensive coordinator, Iowa is second in the Big Ten and fifth nationally in points (18.41), first in the Big Ten and fourth nationally in total offense (322.44) and the unit leads the nation in interceptions (184).

- Iowa's defense has allowed 400 yards or less in 27 straight games dating back to the 2021 season -- the longest active streak nationally.

- Iowa is 18-4 under Parker all-time when returning an interception for a touchdown.

- The Hawkeyes have top-six scoring defenses nationally in three of the past four years. The scoring defense has ranked in the top 20 in the nation in each of the last eight years.

- Iowa's 3.986 yards per play during the 2022 season were the lowest by any team at the FBS level since Florida State's 3.853 in 2012.

- In 2022, the Hawkeyes led FBS in points per drive (1.09), yards per pass attempt (5.3), yards per rush (2.8) and ranked second in FBS in points per game (13.3) and yards per game (270.8).

- Iowa's 270.8 yards per game surrendered was the fewest by an Iowa defense since 1981.

- The defense had a 79 percent stop rate -- drives that ended in punts, turnovers or turnovers on downs -- to lead the country.

- Iowa has 234 interceptions since the start of the 2009 season -- the most nationally in that span. The "BallHawks" had a school record 25 interceptions in 2021.

- A principle of Parker's defense is to limit explosive plays, forcing the offense to sustain a drive. Iowa surrendered just 15 explosive plays out of 883 defensive snaps over 13 games during the 2022 season and 15 such plays during the 2023 season.

- Iowa has had six players win the Big Ten Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year since 2012: Micah Hyde, 2012; Desmond King, 2015; Josh Jackson, 2017; Amani Hooker, 2018; Riley Moss, 2021; Cooper DeJean, 2023).

IOWA'S DEFENSE UNDER PHIL PARKER (AS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR)

YEAR	SCORING DEFENSE	TOTAL DEFENSE	INTS.
2023	13.2 (4)	274.8 (5)	10 (55)
2022	13.3 (2)	270.8 (2)	15 (14)
2021	19.2 (13)	328.9 (17)	25 (1)
2020	16.0 (6)	313.8 (8)	11 (23)
2019	14.0 (5)	308.2 (12)	7 (25)
2018	17.8 (11)	293.6 (7)	20 (3)
2017	19.9 (17)	357.5 (36)	21 (1)
2016	18.8 (13)	351.2 (23)	9 (81)
2015	20.4 (19)	341.0 (22)	19 (10)
2014	25.6 (50)	344.2 (22)	13 (38)
2013	18.9 (9)	303.1 (6)	13 (53)
2012	22.9 (33)	381.6 (49)	10 (75)

(NCAA RANK)

INTERCEPTIONS (SINCE 2009)

	Name	INT	Yds.
1.	**IOWA**	**234**	**3,286**
2.	Ohio State	232	3,332
3.	Oregon	231	3,333
4.	Alabama	230	3,594
5.	Clemson	227	3,135
6.	San Diego State	213	2,458
7.	Boise State	212	2,611
8.	Louisiana Tech	210	3,236
9.	Houston	207	3,213
	Oklahoma State	207	2,774

INTERCEPTIONS RETURNED FOR A TOUCHDOWN (SINCE 2009)

	Name	TDs
1.	Ohio State	36
	Alabama	36
	Louisiana Tech	36
4.	**IOWA**	**34**
	Utah	34
6.	TCU	30
7.	Florida	29
8.	Mississippi State	28
	Southern Miss	28
10.	Oregon	27
	Clemson	27
	MTSU	27

SCORING DEFENSE (SINCE 2009)

	Name	G	Pts.	PPG.
1.	Alabama	207	3,169	15.31
2.	Wisconsin	194	3,531	18.20
3.	**IOWA**	**191**	**3,529**	**18.48**
4.	Ohio State	194	3,662	18.88
5.	Georgia	202	3,839	19.00
6.	Clemson	205	3,919	19.12
7.	Penn State	189	3,647	19.30
8.	Jacksonville State	12	244	20.33
9.	Michigan	188	3,850	20.48
10.	LSU	193	4,028	20.87

YARDS PER PLAY (SINCE 2009)

	Name	Plays	Yards	Y/Play
1.	Alabama	13,224	59,446	4.50
2.	Clemson	13,719	65,033	4.74
3.	**IOWA**	**13,000**	**61,849**	**4.76**
4.	Georgia	13,054	63,275	4.85
5.	Marshall	12,755	62,133	4.87
6.	Pittsburgh	13,192	64,313	4.88
7.	Florida State	13,511	67,755	5.01
7.	Wyoming	12,294	61,689	5.02
9.	Oklahoma	13,465	68,111	5.06
10.	Boise State	12,958	65,721	5.07

CHEEZ-IT CITRUS BOWL NOTES

ASSISTANT COACHES

BRIAN FERENTZ (FIELD)
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR
QUARTERBACKS COACH

12th year at Iowa... seventh year as offensive coordinator... coached four years for the NFL's New England Patriots... Iowa football alum where he was a part of two Big Ten championship teams (2002, 2004).

PHIL PARKER (FIELD)
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SECONDARY COACH

25th year at Iowa... member of Ferentz's original staff... 12th season as defensive coordinator... has coached six Tatum-Woodson Defensive Back of the Year honorees since 2012... Frank Broyles Award winner and AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year in 2023... Broyles semifinalist in 2022... 234 interceptions since 2009.

LEVAR WOODS (FIELD)
SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

16th year at Iowa... seventh year as special teams coordinator... coached three Big Ten return specialists of the Year and two Big Ten Punters of the Year... unit ranked in top three in Big Ten in punt and kickoff returns in 2022... seven-year NFL veteran... Iowa alum, lettering from 1998-2000... played under Hayden Fry and Kirk Ferentz.

GEORGE BARNETT (FIELD)
OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Third year at Iowa... 20+ seasons of offensive line coaching experience... coached Tyler Linderbaum to consensus All-America honors in 2021.

KELVIN BELL (FIELD)
DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

11th year at Iowa... fifth as Iowa's defensive line coach... Iowa had defensive lineman selected in top four rounds in three straight drafts (2019-21)... Lukas Van Ness was a first-round pick in 2023... Iowa alum.

LADELL BETTS (FIELD)
RUNNING BACKS COACH

Third year at Iowa... Kaleb Johnson had a freshman record 779 rushing yards in 2022... coached 1,151 yard rusher Tyler Goodson in 2021... nine-year NFL veteran... Iowa alum, competing from 1998-2001... led team in rushing four straight seasons... second in school history with 3,686 rushing yards.

KELTON COPELAND (BOOTH)
WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

Seventh year at Iowa... three receivers have gone on to the NFL... played at Emporia State.

ABDUL HODGE (FIELD)
TIGHT ENDS/FULLBACKS COACH

Second year at Iowa... coached Sam LaPorta, who was named the 2022 Kwalick-Clark Big Ten Tight End of the Year... three-time All-Big Ten linebacker at Iowa... won two Big Ten titles and played in four January bowl games.

JAY NIEMANN (BOOTH)
ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE LINE
ASST. DEFENSIVE RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Fifth year at Iowa... sons Ben and Nick Niemann, both Iowa alums, are in the NFL.

SETH WALLACE (FIELD)
ASST. DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
LINEBACKERS COACH

13th year at Iowa... seventh year as assistant DC... coached linebacker Jack Campbell to consensus first-team All-America honors, Butkus Award, Campbell Trophy, Nagurski-Woodson Big Ten Player of the Year and Butkus-Fitzgerald Big Ten Linebacker of the Year in 2022.

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School/Previous
1	*	Xavier Nwankpa ^	DB	6-2	210	So.	Pleasant Hill, Iowa	Southeast Polk
2	*	TJ Hall ^	DB	6-1	185	So.	Fresno, Calif.	San Joaquin Memorial
2	*	Kaleb Johnson ^	RB	6-0	222	So.	Hamilton, Ohio	Hamilton
3		Kaleb Brown	WR	5-10	197	So.	Chicago, Ill.	St. Rita/Ohio State
3	**	Cooper DeJean ^	DB	6-1	207	Jr.	Odebolt, Iowa	OA-BCIG
4		Koen Entringer	DB	6-0	211	#Fr.	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Walled Lake Western
4	**	Leshon Williams	RB	5-10	208	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Richards
5		Teegan Davis	DB	6-0	160	Fr.	Princeton, Ill.	Princeton
6		Seth Anderson	WR	6-0	180	So.	Suwanee, Ga.	North Gwinnett/Charleston Southern
6		Zach Lutmer	DB	6-0	192	Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa	Central Lyon/GLR
7		Jacob Bostick	WR	6-2	183	#Fr.	Palatine, Ill.	Palatine
7		John Nestor	DB	5-11	196	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Marist
8		Deshaun Lee	DB	5-10	187	#Fr.	Belleville, Mich.	Belleville
8		Terrell Washington, Jr.	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	Wylie, Texas	Wylie East
9		Jaziun Patterson	RB	5-10	204	#Fr.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	Deerfield Beach
9	***	Tory Taylor ^	P	6-4	232	Sr.	Melbourne, Aus.	Haileybury College
10		Deacon Hill	QB	6-3	258	So.	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Santa Barbara/Wisconsin
10		Nick Jackson	LB	6-0	237	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	The Lovett School/Virginia
11		Marco Lainez	QB	6-2	225	Fr.	Princeton, N.J.	The Hun School
12		Cade McNamara	QB	6-1	205	Sr.	Reno, Nev.	Damonte Ranch/Michigan
12	*	Jaxon Rexroth	LB	6-2	228	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
13	****	Joe Evans	DE	6-2	252	Sr.	Ames, Iowa	Ames
13		Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	189	#Fr.	Franklin, Wis.	Franklin
14		Kahlil Tate	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Kenwood Academy
14		Alex Mota	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Marion, Iowa	Marion
15		Amare Bickham	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	Fulshear, Texas	Fulshear
16		Graham Friedrichsen	WR	6-1	200	#Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
16	*	Jamison Heinz	DB	6-0	199	Jr.	Humboldt, Iowa	Humboldt
17		Alex Eichmann	WR	6-2	207	#Fr.	Sussex, Wis.	Hamilton-Sussex
18	*	Drew Stevens ^	K	6-0	199	So.	North Augusta, S.C.	North Augusta
18	*	Alec Wick	WR	6-1	193	So.	Iowa City, Iowa	Regina
19		Tommy Poholsky	QB	6-0	200	Fr.	Evergreen, Colo.	Evergreen
20	*	Deavin Hilson	DB	6-1	197	So.	Des Moines, Iowa	North
20		Dayton Howard	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Park Hill
21		Watts McBride	DB	6-0	196	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Washington
21		Kaden Wetjen	WR	5-10	196	Jr.	Williamsburg, Iowa	Williamsburg/Iowa Western CC
22		Max White	RB	5-10	205	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kennedy
23		Landyn Van Kekerix	LB	6-1	226	#Fr.	Rock Valley, Iowa	Boyden Hull/Rock Valley
25		Ayden Price	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Valley
25		Kelby Telander	LB	6-4	238	So.	North Liberty, Iowa	Liberty
26		Kael Kolarik	DB	6-0	210	#Fr.	Indianola, Iowa	Indianola
26		Aidan McDermott	WR	6-1	192	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
27	*	Jermari Harris	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Montini Catholic
28		Aidan Hall	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Harlan, Iowa	Harlan
28		Kamari Moulton	RB	5-9	185	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Cardinal Gibbons
29	**	Sebastian Castro	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	Richards
29		Judah Mallette	WR	5-11	178	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Hope Academy
30	**	Quinn Schulte	DB	6-1	209	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
31		Nolan DeLong	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Durant, Iowa	Durant
31	*	Eli Miller	FB	6-1	227	So.	Sedalia, Co.	Lipscomp Acad./Valor Christian
32		Ben Kueter	LB	6-3	220	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa City
34	***	Jay Higgins ^	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Brebeuf Jesuit Prep
35		Tanner Pollock	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Waterloo, Iowa	West/Drake
36		Jayden Montgomery	LB	5-10	225	#Fr.	Suamico, Wis.	Bay Port
37	***	Kyler Fisher	LB	5-11	233	Sr.	Farnhamville, Iowa	SE Valley
38		Greg Fagan	LB	6-3	214	#Fr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	St. Albert
39	**	Luke Elkin ^	LS	6-1	230	Jr.	Neenah, Wis.	Neenah
39		Eric Epenesa	LB	6-3	206	So.	Glen Carbon, Ill.	Edwardsville
40		Josef Smith	LB	6-3	236	Jr.	Britt, Iowa	West Hancock
40		Jalyn Thompson	TE	6-2	246	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling
41		Jaden Harrell	LB	6-2	237	So.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
41		Rusty VanWetzinga	FB	6-0	230	Fr.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa	Pleasant Valley
42		Zach Twedt	LB	6-3	242	So.	Story City, Iowa	Roland-Story

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No.		Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School/Previous
43	*	Karson Sharar	LB	6-2	235	So.	Iowa Falls, Iowa	Iowa Falls-Alden
44		Grant Leeper	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Homestead
44		Kenneth Merrieweather	DL	6-3	227	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.	M.L. King
45	**	Deontae Craig	DL	6-3	266	Jr.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Culver Academies
47		Jack Laughlin	LB	6-1	208	Fr.	Carlisle, Iowa	Carlisle
48		Max Llewellyn	DL	6-5	264	So.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
48		Zach Ortwerth	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	University
49	*	Ethan Hurkett	DL	6-3	260	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
49		Andrew Lentsch	TE	6-4	252	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling
51		Luke Gaffney	DL	6-2	270	#Fr.	Robins, Iowa	Linn-Mar
52		Asher Fahey	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Waukon, Iowa	Waukon
53		Michael Myslinski	OL	6-3	290	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Bishop Kenny
055		Jeremiah Pittman	DL	6-3	290	So.	Palatine, Ill.	St. Viator
56	***	Nick DeJong	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	Pella, Iowa	Pella
56		Maddux Borcherding-Johnson	DL	6-2	288	Fr.	Norwalk, Iowa	Norwalk
57		Will Hubert	DL	6-3	270	#Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	Papillion-La Vista
58		Kade Pieper	OL	6-3	255	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.	Catholic
59		Griffin Liddle	OL	6-3	295	So.	Bettendorf, Iowa	Bettendorf
60		Rusty Feth	OL	6-3	310	Sr.	Colerain, Ohio	Colerain/Miami, Ohio
61		Cael Winter	OL	6-3	253	Fr.	Waukee, Iowa	Northwest
64		Leighton Jones	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Brownsburg, Ind.	Brownsburg
65	*	Logan Jones	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Lewis Central
66		Jeremy Chaplin	OL	6-2	280	So.	Waverly, Iowa	Waverly-Shell Rock
67	*	Gennings Dunker	OL	6-5	320	So.	Lena, Ill.	Lena-Winslow
70	*	Beau Stephens	OL	6-6	319	So.	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs
71		Jack Dotzler	OL	6-6	295	#Fr.	Waunakee, Wis.	Waunakee
72		Kale Krogh	OL	6-5	300	#Fr.	Huxley, Iowa	Ballard
73		Kyson Van Vugt	OL	6-6	274	#Fr.	Sioux Center, Iowa	Western Christian
74		Trevor Lauck	OL	6-5	296	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli
75		Cannon Leonard	OL	6-8	290	Fr.	Danforth, Ill.	Iroquois West
76	**	Tyler Elsbury	OL	6-5	312	Jr.	Byron, Ill.	Byron
77	**	Connor Colby ^	OL	6-6	311	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kennedy
78	**	Mason Richman	OL	6-6	312	Jr.	Leawood, Kan.	Blue Valley
79		Daijon Parker	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Inkster, Mich.	Westland John Glenn/Saginaw Valley St.
81		Cael Vanderbush	TE	6-4	225	#Fr.	Plainfield, Ind.	Plainfield
82		Johnny Pascuzzi	TE	6-4	242	So.	Olathe, Kan.	Rockhurst
83		Erick All	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Fairfield, Ohio	Fairfield/Michigan
84		Jarriett Buie	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Tampa. Fla.	Jesuit
85	**	Luke Lachey	TE	6-6	253	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Grandview
85	**	Logan Lee	DL	6-5	291	Sr.	Orion, Ill.	Orion
86		Jeff Bowie	DL	6-5	274	So.	West Branch, Iowa	West Branch
86		Steven Stilianos	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	Hayes, Virginia	Christchurch School/Lafayette
87		Andrew Kraus	DL	6-4	254	#Fr.	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington
87	*	Addison Ostrenga ^	TE	6-4	255	So.	Sun Prairie, Wis.	Sun Prairie
88		Hayden Large	FB	6-5	250	Sr.	Hudsonville, Mich.	Unity Christian/Dordt University
89	****	Nico Ragaini	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	East Haven, Conn.	Notre Dame/Avon Old Farms Prep
90		Brian Allen	DE	6-4	265	#Fr.	Lake in the Hills, Ill.	St. Thomas More
91		Chase Brackney	DL	6-4	285	Fr.	Greenwood Village, Colo.	Cherry Creek
92		Marshall Meeder	K	5-10	191	Sr.	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	Eaton Rapids/Central Michigan
93		Anu Dokun	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa	West
94	**	Yahya Black	DL	6-5	315	Jr.	Marshall, Minn.	Marshall
95	*	Aaron Graves ^	DL	6-4	293	So.	Dayton, Iowa	Southeast Valley
97		Caden Crawford	DL	6-4	263	#Fr.	Lansing, Kan.	Lansing
97		Liam Reardon	LS	6-1	221	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Mount Carmel
98	*	Chris Reames	DL	6-7	280	Sr.	Van Meter, Iowa	Van Meter
99		Ty Nissen	P	5-11	184	Jr.	Carroll, Iowa	Carroll/Iowa Western CC

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Juniors:	20	3-yr. Lettermen:	4	Defense:	19	Defense:	14
Sophomores:	29	2-yr. Lettermen:	12	Specialty:	3	Specialty:	2
Redshirt Freshmen:	20	1-yr. Lettermen:	18				
Freshmen:	32						

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90	Brian Allen	DE	6-4	265	#Fr.	Lake in the Hills, Ill.	St. Thomas More
6	Seth Anderson	WR	6-0	180	So.	Suwanee, Ga.	North Gwinnett/Charleston Southern
15	Amare Bickham	DB	6-0	170	Fr.	Fulshear, Texas	Fulshear
94	** Yahya Black	DL	6-5	315	Jr.	Marshall, Minn.	Marshall
56	Maddux Borcherding-Johnson	DL	6-2	288	Fr.	Norwalk, Iowa	Norwalk
7	Jacob Bostick	WR	6-2	183	#Fr.	Palatine, Ill.	Palatine
86	Jeff Bowie	DL	6-5	274	So.	West Branch, Iowa	West Branch
91	Chase Brackney	DL	6-4	285	Fr.	Greenwood Village, Colo.	Cherry Creek
3	Kaleb Brown	WR	5-10	197	So.	Chicago, Ill.	St. Rita/Ohio State
84	Jarriett Buie	WR	6-1	185	Fr.	Tampa. Fla.	Jesuit
29	** Sebastian Castro	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	Richards
66	Jeremy Chaplin	OL	6-2	280	So.	Waverly, Iowa	Waverly-Shell Rock
77	** Connor Colby ^	OL	6-6	311	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kennedy
45	** Deontae Craig	DL	6-3	266	Jr.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Culver Academies
97	Caden Crawford	DL	6-4	263	#Fr.	Lansing, Kan.	Lansing
5	Teegan Davis	DB	6-0	160	Fr.	Princeton, Ill.	Princeton
3	** Cooper DeJean ^	DB	6-1	207	Jr.	Odebolt, Iowa	OA-BCIG
56	*** Nick DeJong	OL	6-6	305	Sr.	Pella, Iowa	Pella
31	Nolan DeLong	LB	6-0	210	Fr.	Durant, Iowa	Durant
93	Anu Dokun	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa	West
71	Jack Dotzler	OL	6-6	295	#Fr.	Waunakee, Wis.	Waunakee
67	* Gennings Dunker	OL	6-5	320	So.	Lena, Ill.	Lena-Winslow
17	Alex Eichmann	WR	6-2	207	#Fr.	Sussex, Wis.	Hamilton-Sussex
39	** Luke Elkin ^	LS	6-1	230	Jr.	Neenah, Wis.	Neenah
76	** Tyler Elsbury	OL	6-5	312	Jr.	Byron, Ill.	Byron
4	Koen Entringer	DB	6-0	211	#Fr.	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Walled Lake Western
39	Eric Epenesa	LB	6-3	206	So.	Glen Carbon, Ill.	Edwardsville
13	**** Joe Evans	DE	6-2	252	Sr.	Ames, Iowa	Ames
38	Greg Fagan	LB	6-3	214	#Fr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	St. Albert
52	Asher Fahey	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Waukon, Iowa	Waukon
60	Rusty Feth	OL	6-3	310	Sr.	Colerain, Ohio	Colerain/Miami, Ohio
37	*** Kyler Fisher	LB	5-11	233	Sr.	Farnhamville, Iowa	SE Valley
16	Graham Friedrichsen	WR	6-1	200	#Fr.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
51	Luke Gaffney	DL	6-2	270	#Fr.	Robins, Iowa	Linn-Mar
95	* Aaron Graves ^	DL	6-4	293	So.	Dayton, Iowa	Southeast Valley
28	Aidan Hall	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Harlan, Iowa	Harlan
2	* TJ Hall ^	DB	6-1	185	So.	Fresno, Calif.	San Joaquin Memorial
41	Jaden Harrell	LB	6-2	237	So.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
27	* Jermari Harris	DB	6-1	190	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Montini Catholic
16	* Jamison Heinz	DB	6-0	199	Jr.	Humboldt, Iowa	Humboldt
34	*** Jay Higgins ^	LB	6-2	233	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Brebeuf Jesuit Prep
10	Deacon Hill	QB	6-3	258	So.	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Santa Barbara/Wisconsin
20	* Deavin Hilson	DB	6-1	197	So.	Des Moines, Iowa	North
20	Dayton Howard	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Park Hill
57	Will Hubert	DL	6-3	270	#Fr.	Omaha, Neb.	Papillion-La Vista
49	* Ethan Hurkett	DL	6-3	260	Jr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
10	Nick Jackson	LB	6-0	237	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga.	The Lovett School/Virginia
2	* Kaleb Johnson ^	RB	6-0	222	So.	Hamilton, Ohio	Hamilton
64	Leighton Jones	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Brownsburg, Ind.	Brownsburg
65	* Logan Jones	OL	6-3	290	Jr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa	Lewis Central
26	Kael Kolarik	DB	6-0	210	#Fr.	Indianola, Iowa	Indianola
87	Andrew Kraus	DL	6-4	254	#Fr.	Barrington, Ill.	Barrington
72	Kale Krogh	OL	6-5	300	#Fr.	Huxley, Iowa	Ballard
32	Ben Kueter	LB	6-3	220	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa City
85	** Luke Lachey	TE	6-6	253	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio	Grandview
11	Marco Lainez	QB	6-2	225	Fr.	Princeton, N.J.	The Hun School
88	Hayden Large	FB	6-5	250	Sr.	Hudsonville, Mich.	Unity Christian/Dordt University
74	Trevor Lauck	OL	6-5	296	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Roncalli
47	Jack Laughlin	LB	6-1	208	Fr.	Carlisle, Iowa	Carlisle
8	Deshaun Lee	DB	5-10	187	#Fr.	Belleville, Mich.	Belleville
85	** Logan Lee	DL	6-5	291	Sr.	Orion, Ill.	Orion
44	Grant Leeper	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Homestead

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75		Cannon Leonard	OL	6-8	290	Fr.	Danforth, Ill.	Iroquois West
59		Griffin Liddle	OL	6-3	295	So.	Bettendorf, Iowa	Bettendorf
48		Max Llewellyn	DL	6-5	264	So.	Urbandale, Iowa	Urbandale
6		Zach Lutmer	DB	6-0	192	Fr.	Rock Rapids, Iowa	Central Lyon/GLR
29		Judah Mallette	WR	5-11	178	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Hope Academy
21		Watts McBride	DB	6-0	196	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Washington
26		Aidan McDermott	WR	6-1	192	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
12		Cade McNamara	QB	6-1	205	Sr.	Reno, Nev.	Damonte Ranch/Michigan
92		Marshall Meeder	K	5-10	191	Sr.	Eaton Rapids, Mich.	Eaton Rapids/Central Michigan
44		Kenneth Merrieweather	DL	6-3	227	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.	M.L. King
31	*	Eli Miller	FB	6-1	227	So.	Sedalia, Co.	Lipscomp Acad./Valor Christian
36		Jayden Montgomery	LB	5-10	225	#Fr.	Suamico, Wis.	Bay Port
14		Alex Mota	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Marion, Iowa	Marion
28		Kamari Moulton	RB	5-9	185	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	Cardinal Gibbons
53		Michael Myslinski	OL	6-3	290	So.	Jacksonville, Fla.	Bishop Kenny
7		John Nestor	DB	5-11	196	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Marist
99		Ty Nissen	P	5-11	184	Jr.	Carroll, Iowa	Carroll/Iowa Western CC
1	*	Xavier Nwankpa ^	DB	6-2	210	So.	Pleasant Hill, Iowa	Southeast Polk
48		Zach Ortwerth	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	University
13		Reese Osgood	WR	5-11	189	#Fr.	Franklin, Wis.	Franklin
87	*	Addison Ostrenga ^	TE	6-4	255	So.	Sun Prairie, Wis.	Sun Prairie
79		Daijon Parker	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	Inkster, Mich.	Westland John Glenn/Saginaw Valley St.
82		Johnny Pascuzzi	TE	6-4	242	So.	Olathe, Kan.	Rockhurst
9		Jaziun Patterson	RB	5-10	204	#Fr.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	Deerfield Beach
58		Kade Pieper	OL	6-3	255	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.	Catholic
55		Jeremiah Pittman	DL	6-3	290	So.	Palatine, Ill.	St. Viator
19		Tommy Poholsky	QB	6-0	200	Fr.	Evergreen, Colo.	Evergreen
35		Tanner Pollock	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	Waterloo, Iowa	West/Drake
25		Ayden Price	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Valley
89	****	Nico Ragaini	WR	6-0	190	Sr.	East Haven, Conn.	Notre Dame/Avon Old Farms Prep
98	*	Chris Reames	DL	6-7	280	Sr.	Van Meter, Iowa	Van Meter
97		Liam Reardon	LS	6-1	221	Jr.	Chicago, Ill.	Mount Carmel
12	*	Jaxon Rexroth	LB	6-2	228	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
78	**	Mason Richman	OL	6-6	312	Jr.	Leawood, Kan.	Blue Valley
30	**	Quinn Schulte	DB	6-1	209	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
43	*	Karson Sharar	LB	6-2	235	So.	Iowa Falls, Iowa	Iowa Falls-Alden
40		Josef Smith	LB	6-3	236	Jr.	Britt, Iowa	West Hancock
70	*	Beau Stephens	OL	6-6	319	So.	Blue Springs, Mo.	Blue Springs
18	*	Drew Stevens ^	K	6-0	199	So.	North Augusta, S.C.	North Augusta
86		Steven Stilianos	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	Hayes, Virginia	Christchurch School/Lafayette
14		Kahlil Tate	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.	Kenwood Academy
9	***	Tory Taylor ^	P	6-4	232	Sr.	Melbourne, Aus.	Haileybury College
25		Kelby Telander	LB	6-4	238	So.	North Liberty, Iowa	Liberty
40		Jalyn Thompson	TE	6-2	246	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling
42		Zach Twedt	LB	6-3	242	So.	Story City, Iowa	Roland-Story
23		Landyn Van Kekerix	LB	6-1	226	#Fr.	Rock Valley, Iowa	Boyden Hull/Rock Valley
73		Kyson Van Vugt	OL	6-6	274	#Fr.	Sioux Center, Iowa	Western Christian
81		Cael Vanderbush	TE	6-4	225	#Fr.	Plainfield, Ind.	Plainfield
41		Rusty VanWetzinga	FB	6-0	230	Fr.	Pleasant Valley, Iowa	Pleasant Valley
8		Terrell Washington, Jr.	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	Wylie, Texas	Wylie East
21		Kaden Wetjen	WR	5-10	196	Jr.	Williamsburg, Iowa	Williamsburg/Iowa Western CC
22		Max White	RB	5-10	205	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Kennedy
18	*	Alec Wick	WR	6-1	193	So.	Iowa City, Iowa	Regina
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29	**	Sebastian Castro	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	Oak Lawn, Ill.	Richards
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44		Grant Leeper	TE	6-5	230	Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Homestead
49		Andrew Lentsch	TE	6-4	252	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling
48		Zach Ortwerth	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo.	University
87	*	Addison Ostrenga ^	TE	6-4	255	So.	Sun Prairie, Wis.	Sun Prairie
82		Johnny Pascuzzi	TE	6-4	242	So.	Olathe, Kan.	Rockhurst
86		Steven Stilianos	TE	6-5	255	Sr.	Hayes, Virginia	Christchurch School/Lafayette
40		Jalyn Thompson	TE	6-2	246	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa	Dowling
81		Cael Vanderbush	TE	6-4	225	#Fr.	Plainfield, Ind.	Plainfield

** - - indicates letters won, ^ - - redshirt year still available, # - - redshirt freshman*

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83 - - ***Erick All

Tight End
6-5, 250, Senior
Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield HS/Michigan)

Hawk Item - - Joined program in spring, 2022, as graduate transfer from Michigan with two years of eligibility remaining.

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches... John Mackey Award Preseason Watch List... Reese's Senior Bowl Stock Up Player of the Week after win over Purdue... Comeback Player of the Year Award Midseason Watch List... named to Senior Bowl Midseason All-America team... Team Hustle Award, offense... **2023 - -** Caught 21 passes for 299 yards and three touchdowns (14.2 yards per catch and 42.7 yards per game averages) before sustaining a season-ending injury in seventh game of the season... started at tight end in first seven games... led team with five receptions for 97 yards and his third touchdown of the season in 20-16 win over Purdue... caught a team-high four passes for 67 yards and Iowa's first touchdown of the game in 26-16 win over Michigan State... collected three of his four catches for 62 of his 67 yards, including one for a team-high 32 yards, on that second quarter touchdown drive... caught three passes for 15 yards and scoring first career touchdown as a Hawkeye in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... caught a team-high three passes for 35 yards in 31-0 loss at Penn State.

Personal - - Born 9/13/2000... earned general studies bachelor's degree and will pursue post-graduate degree. . . parents are Kelly and Erick All... high school coach was Jason Krause.

Career Receiving Bests

Number: _____10 at Michigan State, 10/30/21
Yards:_____98 at Michigan State, 10/30/21
TDs: _____1, five times, last vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Long: _____47 at Penn State, 11/13/21

Game-By-Game Receiving Stats at Iowa

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	3	15	1	7
at Iowa State	3	32	0	23
W. Michigan	1	34	0	34
at Penn State	3	35	0	20
Michigan St.	4	67	1	32
Purdue	5	97	1	33
at Wisconsin	2	19	0	14
Minnesota	INJ			
at N'western	INJ			
Rutgers	INJ			
Illinois	INJ			
at Nebraska	INJ			
Michigan (n)	INJ			
Totals	**21**	**299**	**3**	**34**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2019	1	10	10.0	0	10
2020	12	82	11.7	0	23
2021	38	437	11.5	2	47
2022	3	36	12.0	0	22
2023	21	299	14.2	3	34
Career	**75**	**864**	**11.5**	**5**	**47**

90 - - Brian Allen

Defensive End
6-4, 265, Redshirt Freshman
Lake in the Hills, Ill.
(St. Thomas More HS, Conn.)

2023 Honors - - Team Leader Award, defense... **2023 - -** Recorded one assisted tackle and one QB pressure in first career appearance in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... played in four games.

Personal - - Born 2/23/2004... journalism major... parents are Linnel and Brian Allen... high school coach was Ernest Anderson.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Assists:_____1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Pass Break-up:_____1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	0-1
at Iowa State	DNP
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	DNP
at Wisconsin	DNP
Minnesota	DNP
at N'western	DNP
Rutgers	DNP
Illinois	DNP
at Nebraska	DNP
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**0-1**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	FF	RF
2023	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	1	0	0	0

6 - - Seth Anderson

Wide Receiver
6-0, 180, Sophomore
Suwanee, Ga. (North Gwinnett HS/ Charleston Southern)

Hawk Item - - Joined program for spring, 2023 semester after beginning college career at Charleston Southern.

2023 - - Has 11 catches for 150 yards (13.6 yards per catch avg., 12.5 yards per game avg.) and one touchdown on the season... his long reception of 36 yards was the first Hawkeye touchdown of the season and the first of his Hawkeye career... caught two passes for 41 yards, including the first Hawkeye touchdown of the season (36 yards-third play of the game) in 24-14 win over Utah State... caught two passes for 15 yards and recorded his first tackle in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... caught two passes for 26 yards in 15-13 win over Illinois... rushed one time for 30 yards and caught one pass for 13 yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... started at wide receiver in eight games, playing in all 13.

Personal - - Born 10/11/2002... business major... three-time Honor Roll student... parents are Chantal and Willie Anderson... father is a 10-year NFL

veteran as a wide receiver... brother played football at Utah... sister ran track at North Carolina... high school coach was Bill Stewart.

Career Receiving Bests

Number: _____8 vs. Western Carolina, 9/3/22
Yards:_____131 vs. Western Carolina, 9/3/22
Long: _____48 vs. Robert Morris, 11/5/22
TDs: _____2 vs. Western Carolina, 9/3/22

Career Rushing Bests

Number: _____1, three times, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Yards:_____30 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long: _____30 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

Game-By-Game Stats at Iowa

Receiving

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	2	41	1	36
at Iowa State	1	14	0	14
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	1	11	0	11
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	2	14	0	9
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	21	0	21
Illinois	2	26	0	14
at Nebraska	1	9	0	9
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**11**	**150**	**1**	**36**

Rushing

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	1	30	0	30
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	1	4	0	4
at Wisconsin	1	16	0	16
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**50**	**0**	**30**

Defensive

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	0-0
at Iowa State	0-0
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
Minnesota	1-0
at N'western	0-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**1-0**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	1	0	---	0	---
2022	42	612	14.6	7	48
2023	11	150	13.6	1	36
Career	**54**	**762**	**14.1**	**8**	**48**

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	0	0	---	0	---
2022	0	0	---	0	---
2023	3	50	16.7	0	30
Career	**3**	**50**	**16.7**	**0**	**30**

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	FF	RF
2023	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0

94 - - **Yahya Black (WHY-yay)

Defensive Line
6-5, 315, Junior
Marshall, Minn. (Marshall HS)

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches and media... Phil Steele third-team All-Big Ten... Coaches Appreciation Award, defense... **2023 - -** Has 51 tackles (22 solo, 29 assists) on the season, including five tackles for a loss of 27 yards and 3.5 QB sacks for 21 yards, five pass break-ups, two QB pressures and one forced fumble... recorded a career-high seven tackles (four solo, three assists) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... had six tackles (two solo, four assists) and one QB pressure in 20-14 win vs. Purdue... had six tackles (two solo, four assists) in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... recorded a career-high five assisted tackles in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... collected five tackles (three solo, two assists), including one QB sack for eight yards, and one pass break-up in 26-0 loss vs. Michigan... had four tackles (three solo, one assist), including one QB sack for eight yards that forced his second career fumble and resulted in a safety, and one pass break-up in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... collected three solo tackles, including one for a loss of five yards, one QB pressure and one pass break-up in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... had three tackles (one solo, two assists), including 0.5 QB sacks for one yard, in 13-10 win at Nebraska... recorded two assisted tackles, including 0.5 tackles for a loss of one yard and a career-high two pass break-ups in 15-13 win over Illinois... had two tackles (one solo, one assist), including one QB sack for a loss of four yards, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... started at defensive tackle in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 4/21/2002... open major... parents are Wendy and Richard Black... high school coach was Terry Bahlmann.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____7 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Solos:_____4 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Assists:_____5 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Tackle for Loss: _____1, three times, last vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
QB Sack: _____1, four times, last vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Pass Break-up:_____2 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Forced Fumble:_____1, twice, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	INJ
N'western	INJ
Mich. State	INJ
at Minnesota	1-1
at Penn St.	0-1
Nebraska	0-0
at Illinois	0-0
Wisconsin	DNP
Totals	**1-2**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-0
at IA State	0-1
Kent State	1-0
Colo. State	2-2
at Maryland	0-0
Penn State	1-2
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	1-2
at N'western	1-1
Minnesota	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	1-1
Kentucky (n)	0-2
Totals	**7-11**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-1
IA State	INJ
Nevada	INJ
at Rutgers	INJ
Michigan	INJ
at Illinois	INJ
at Ohio State	1-1
N'western	0-1
at Purdue	0-1
Wisconsin	0-0
at Minnesota	1-2
Nebraska	0-1
Kentucky (n)	1-1
Totals	**3-8**

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2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	1-2
at Iowa State	1-2
W. Michigan	2-4
at Penn State	4-3
Michigan St.	3-0
Purdue	2-4
at Wisconsin	3-1
Minnesota	0-5
at N'western	1-1
Rutgers	1-1
Illinois	0-2
at Nebraska	1-2
Michigan (n)	3-2
Totals	**22-29**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2020	1	2	3	.5/1	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	7	11	18	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	2	1	0
2022	3	8	11	1.5/2	1/1	0-0	0	2	0	0
2023	22	29	51	5/27	3.5/21	0-0	2	4	1	0
Career	**33**	**50**	**83**	**7/30**	**4.5/22**	**0-0**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**0**

15 - - Jacob Bostick

Wide Receiver
6-2, 183, Redshirt Freshman
Palatine, Illinois (Palatine HS)

2023 - - Played in four games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 2/8/2004 in Akron, Ohio... open major... three-time Honor Roll student... parents are Courtney and Josh Bostick... high school coach was Corey Olson.

3 - - Kaleb Brown

Wide Receiver
5-10, 197, Sophomore
Chicago, Ill. (St. Rita HS)
Ohio State

Hawk Item - - Joined Iowa program prior to 2023 season after spending one year at Ohio State.

2023 Honors - - Next Man in Award, offense... **2023 - -** Has 19 catches for 176 yards (9.3 yards per catch avg., 17.6 yards per game avg.) and one touchdown with a long reception of 31 yards on the season... rushed eight times for 51 yards (6.4 yards per rush avg., 5.1 yards per game avg.) with a long of 13 yards on the season... had five receptions for 34 against Michigan... caught a team-leading and career-high seven passes for 71 yards (long of 31 yards) in 15-13 win over Illinois... caught a team-high three passes for 21 yards (long of 13 yards) and rushed twice for 13 yards (long of 11 yards) in 13-10 win at Nebraska... caught three passes for 27 yards and first career touchdown in 22-0 win vs. Rutgers... rushed twice for 20 yards vs. Rutgers... caught three passes for 34 yards (long of 10 yards) and rushed twice for 10 yards (long of five yards) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... caught first pass of the season for 23 yards to set up Iowa's game-winning field goal in 10-7 win at Northwestern... rushed twice for eight yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... played in 10 games, starting at wide receiver four times.

Personal - - Born 10/7/2003... psychology major... parents are Alori Brown and Lamont Reid... high school coach was Todd Kuska.

Career Receiving Bests

Catches: 7 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Yards: 71vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Long: 31 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 2, three times, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Yards: 20 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Long: 13 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

Game-By-Game Stats at Iowa

Receiving

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	DNP			
at Wisconsin	DNP			
Minnesota	DNP			
at N'western	1	23	0	23
Rutgers	3	27	1	11
Illinois	7	71	0	31
at Nebraska	3	21	0	13
Michigan (n)	5	34	0	10
Totals	**19**	**176**	**1**	**31**

Rushing

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	2	8	0	9
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	DNP			
at Wisconsin	DNP			
Minnesota	DNP			
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	2	20	0	13
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	2	13	0	11
Michigan (n)	2	10	0	5
Totals	**8**	**51**	**0**	**13**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	1	5	5.0	0	5
2023	19	176	9.3	1	31
Career	**20**	**181**	**9.1**	**1**	**31**

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	1	2	2.0	0	2
2023	6	41	6.8	0	13
Career	**7**	**43**	**6.1**	**0**	**13**

84 - - Jarriett Buie (JAIR-ee-it BUOY)

Wide Receiver
6-1, 185, Freshman
Tampa. Fla. (Jesuit HS)

2023 - - Played in three games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 5/8/2005... business major... member of prep Honor Roll for four years... parents are Raiza and Jarriett Buie... high school coach was Matt Thompson.

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29 - - **Sebastian Castro

Defensive Back
5-11, 205, Senior
Oak Lawn, Ill. (Richards HS)

2023 Honors - - Pro Football Focus first-team All-America... Associated Press third-team All-America... Phil Steele honorable mention All-America... second-team All-Big Ten by league media and honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches... Phil Steele second-team All-Big Ten... Associated Press midseason second-team All-American... Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/11) following Iowa's 20-13 win at Iowa State... Team Hustle Award, defense... **2023 - -** Leads team with eight pass break-ups and three interceptions for 36 yards and, which rank fourth and eighth in the Big Ten, respectively... has 61 tackles (41 solo, 20 assists), including eight tackles for a loss of 16 yards on the season... recorded a career-high nine tackles (six solo, three assists) and one pass break-up in 26-0 loss to Michigan... recorded seven solo tackles, including two tackles for a loss of seven yards, a blitz that forced a safety, a game-sealing interception for six yards, and had one pass break-up in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... had seven tackles (four solo, three assists), including one tackle for a loss of one yard, and one pass break-up in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... collected his first career interception for a touchdown in 20-13 win at Iowa State... also had four tackles (three solo, one assist) and one pass break-up at Iowa State... recorded five tackles (three solo, two assists), including two tackles for a loss of three yards in 24-14 win over Utah State.... had five tackles, four solo, one assist) and snagged his second career interception in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... collected five tackles (one solo, four assists) and had one pass break-up in 20-14 win over Purdue... had five tackles (three solo, two assists) in 10-7 win at Northwestern... had four tackles (three solo, one assist), including two tackles for a loss of three yards and one QB sack for two yards, one forced fumble and one QB pressure in 13-10 win at Nebraska... matched a career-high with two pass break-ups and had three tackles (two solo, one assist) in 15-13 win over Illinois... started at leo/cash position in 10 games and strong safety twice, playing in all 13.

Personal - - Born 10/14/2000... open major... mother is Ruby Gonzalez... high school coach was Tony Sheehan.

Career Bests

Tackles:	9 vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Solos:	7 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Assists:	4 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Tackle for Loss:	2, twice, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
QB Sack:	1vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Forced Fumble:	1, three times, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Pass Break-Up:	2, twice, last vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Interception:	1, three times, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Interception TD:	1 at Iowa State, 9/9/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	DNP
Northwestern	DNP
Mich. State	0-0
at Minnesota	DNP
at Penn St.	DNP
Nebraska	DNP
at Illinois	DNP
Wisconsin	DNP
Totals	**0-0**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	1-0
at Iowa State	0-0
Kent State	0-0
Colo. State	0-0
at Maryland	2-1
Penn State	0-0
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Minnesota	1-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Kentucky (n)	1-0
Totals	**5-1**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	1-0
Iowa State	0-0
Nevada	2-0
at Rutgers	2-2
Michigan	3-2
at Illinois	1-0
at Ohio State	2-1
N'western	0-1
at Purdue	1-1
Wisconsin	2-2
at Minnesota	1-0
Nebraska	3-1
Kentucky (n)	4-1
Totals	**22-11**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	3-2
Iowa State	3-1
W. Michigan	1-0
at Penn State	3-0
Michigan St.	4-1
Purdue	1-4
at Wisconsin	7-0
Minnesota	4-3
at N'western	3-2
Rutgers	1-2
Illinois	2-1
at Nebraska	3-1
Michigan (n)	6-3
Totals	**41-20**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds-TD	QBH	PBU	FF
2020	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0
2021	5	1	6	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	1	0
2022	22	11	33	3/14	1/10	0-0	0	5	2
2023	41	20	61	8/16	1/2	3-36-1	1	8	1
Career	**68**	**32**	**100**	**11/30**	**2/12**	**3-36-1**	**1**	**14**	**4**

66 - - Jeremy Chaplin

Offensive Line
6-2, 280, Sophomore
Waverly, Iowa (Waverly-Shell Rock HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Dean's List student (2023 fall)... **2023 - -** Saw first career action on the offensive line in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... played on the offensive line in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019.

Personal - - Born 3/22/2002... sport and recreation management major... named to academic all-district team as a junior and senior... parents are Angie and Casey Chaplin... high school coach was Mark Hubbard.

77 - - **Connor Colby ^

Offensive Line
6-6, 311, Junior
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Kennedy HS)

2023 Honors - - Third-team All-Big Ten by league coaches and media... Phil Steele third-team All-Big Ten... Academic All-Big Ten... Coaches Appreciation Award, offense... **2023 - -** Started at right guard in 12 games, playing in all 13... had a key block on RB Jaziun Patterson's 59-yard run in 20-13 win at Iowa State... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards and collected first career solo tackle in 20-14 win over Purdue... helped team to 200 rushing yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, which is the program's most vs. the Badgers since 2008... helped team to 179 rushing yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers.

Personal - - Born 1/16/2003... sports and recreational management major... parents are Susy and Jeff Colby... high school coach was Brian White.

HAWKEYE BIOS

45 - - **Deontae Craig

(dee-AUHN-tae)
Defensive Line
6-3, 266, Junior
Ft. Wayne, Ind. (Culver Academies)

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by league media... preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... Coaches Appreciation Award, defense... one of six juniors named to Player Council... **2023 - -** Has 51 tackles (15 solo, 36 assists), including five tackles for a loss of 25 yards and three QB sacks for 22 yards, seven QB pressures and one pass break-up on the season... recorded a career-high eight tackles (one solo, seven assists) and one QB pressure in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... matched a career-high eight tackles (one solo, seven assists) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had six tackles (career-high three solo, three assists), including 0.5 tackles for loss, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... collected five tackles (one solo, four assists), including one tackle for a loss of three yards, and one QB pressure in 31-0 loss at Penn State... had five tackles (one solo, four assists) and one QB pressure in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... had four tackles (two solo, two assists), including one QB sack for five yards and 1.5 tackles for a loss of five yards, and one QB pressure in 20-14 win over Purdue... recorded three tackles (two solo, one assist), including one QB sack for seven yards, in 26-0 loss to Michigan... recorded one QB sack for one yard, one pass break-up, and one QB pressure in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... had three tackles (one solo, two assists) and one QB pressure in 15-13 win over Illinois... started at defensive end in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 10/29/2001... sports studies major... Silver A recognition as a senior... parents are Shanette and Deon Craig... high school coach was Andrew Dorrel.

Career Bests

Tackles:	8, twice, last vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Solos:	3, twice, last at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Assists:	7, twice, last vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Tackle for Loss:	3.5 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
QB Sack:	1.5 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Blocked Punt:	1 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Pass Break-Up:	1, twice, last vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Forced Fumble:	1, three times, last vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Recovered Fumble:	1 at Minnesota, 11/19/22
QB Pressure:	2 at Rutgers, 9/24/22

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2021	Solo-Ast	2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
Indiana	1-1	SD State	0-1	Utah State	1-0
at IA State	0-1	IA State	0-2	at Iowa State	1-2
Kent State	1-1	Nevada	1-0	W. Michigan	1-1
Colo. State	0-0	at Rutgers	0-2	at Penn State	1-4
at Maryland	0-0	Michigan	1-2	Michigan St.	1-7
Penn State	1-1	at Illlinois	0-0	Purdue	2-2
Purdue	INJ	at Ohio State	0-2	at Wisconsin	1-4
at Wisconsin	INJ	N'western	2-1	Minnesota	1-7
at N'western	1-0	at Purdue	2-3	at N'western	3-3
Minnesota	0-0	Wisconsin	1-4	Rutgers	0-3
Illinois	0-1	at Minnesota	2-0	Illinois	1-2
at Nebraska	0-0	Nebraska	1-0	at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-3	Kentucky (n)	3-1	Michigan (n)	2-1
Kentucky (n)	0-2	**Totals**	**12-19**	**Totals**	**15-35**
Totals	**4-10**				

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	QBH	PBU	RF	FF	Blk
2021	4	10	14	2.5/18	1.5/15	0	0	0	0	0
2022	12	19	31	10/65	6.5/57	3	1	1	3	1
2023	15	36	51	5.0/25	3/22	7	1	0	0	0
Career	**31**	**65**	**95**	**17.5/108**	**11/94**	**10**	**2**	**1**	**3**	**1**

97 - - Caden Crawford

Defensive Line
6-4, 263, Redshirt Freshman
Lansing, Kan. (Lansing HS)

Hawk Item - - Enrolled for 2022 spring semester and participated in spring practice.

2023 - - Saw first career action in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 12/30/2003... business major... parents are Tasha and Lynn Crawford... high school coach was Dylan Brown.

13 - - **Cooper DeJean (DEE-jean) ^

Defensive Back
6-1, 207, Junior
Odebolt, Iowa (OA-BCIG HS)

Hawk Item - - Set single season record with three interception return touchdowns in 2022... tied career record with three interception return touchdowns.

2023 Honors - - Unanimous consensus All-American... first-team All-America by AFCA, FWAA, The Athletic, CBS, Phil Steele, Sports Illustrated (return specialist), Walter Camp, Associated Press, and Sporting News... midseason first team All-American by Associated Press, The Athletic, ESPN, and FOX... Bronko Nagurski Trophy and Jim Thorpe Award finalist... Bednarik Award and Lott IMPACT Trophy semifinalist... Tatum-Woodson Big Ten Defensive Back of the Year and Rodgers-Dwight Big Ten Return Specialist of the Year... first-team All-Big Ten (defense and return specialist) by league coaches and media... Phil Steele first-team All-Big Ten (DB/PR)... named Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week and was a Lott IMPACT Trophy Player of the Week nominee (10/2) for his 70-yard punt return for a touchdown vs. Michigan State... preseason first-team All-American by Associated Press... preseason second-team All-America by Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, and Sporting News... preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, and Pro Football Focus... preseason second-team All-Big Ten special teals by Athlon Sports... named to Nagurski, Hornung, Jim Thorpe Award preseason Watch Lists... Roy Carver Most Valuable Player, defense; Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense; Reggie Roby Special Teams Award, overall; Coaches Appreciation Award, defense... one of six juniors names to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Has 41 tackles (26 solo, 15 assists), including two tackles for a loss of 41 yards), two interceptions for 41 yards, five pass break-ups, and returned 21 punts for 241 yards (11.5 yards per return avg.) with one touchdown and a long return of 70 yards on the season... ranks second in the Big Ten with 21 punt returns for 240 yards and an 11.5 yard per game average... had six tackles (four solo, two assists), his sixth career interception, and returned a punt 70 yards for a game-winning touchdown in 26-16 win over Michigan State... led team with 10 tackles (six solo, four assists), including half a tackle for a loss of two years, and one pass break-up in 20-13 win at Iowa State... it was his third career game of tallying 10+ tackles... recorded seven tackles (four solo, three assists) in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... returned five punts for 77 yards, with a long of 28 yards, and collect

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two tackles (one solo, one assist) in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... returned two punts for a total of three yards vs. Utah State and two punts for a total five yards at Iowa State... collected five tackles (four solo, one assist) and returned two punts for a total of 15 yards in 31-0 loss at Penn State... collected three tackles (two solo, one assist), one pass break-up and his seventh career interception (41-yard return) in 20-14 win over Purdue... had three tackles (two solo, one assist), including 0.5 tackles for a loss of one yard, and one pass break-up in 10-7 win at Northwestern... also rushed once for four yards and returned two punts for 17 yards (12-yard long) at Northwestern... collected three tackles (two solo, one assist), including a tackle for a loss of two yards, and one pass break-up in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... returned two punts for six yards (long of four yards) at Wisconsin... returned three punts for 45 yards (long of 25 yards) vs. Purdue... started at cornerback in first 10 games, before suffering injury in practice.

Personal - - Born 2/9/2003 in Sioux Falls, S.D.... sports and recreational management major... member of prep Honor Roll... parents are Katie and Jason DeJean... high school coach was Larry Allen.

Career Defensive Bests

Tackles:	11 vs. Iowa State, 9/10/22
Solos:	7, twice, last at Minnesota, 11/19/22
Assists:	5 vs. Iowa State, 9/10/22
Tackle for Loss:	1, four times, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Interceptions:	1, seven times, last vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Touchdowns:	1, three times, last vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Long:	45 yards at Rutgers, 9/24/22
Pass Break-Ups:	2, twice, last vs. Nevada, 9/17/22

Career Kickoff Return Bests

Number	1 at Wisconsin, 10/30/21
Yards:	20 at Wisconsin, 10/30/21
Long:	20 at Wisconsin, 10/30/21

Career Punt Return Bests

Number	5 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Yards:	82 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Long:	70 vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
TD:	1 vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2021	Solo-Ast	2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
Indiana	DNP	SD State	2-2	Utah State	4-3
at IA State	DNP	IA State	6-5	at Iowa State	6-4
Kent State	DNP	Nevada	2-0	W. Michigan	1-1
Colo. State	DNP	at Rutgers	5-2	at Penn State	4-1
at Maryland	DNP	Michigan	5-2	Michigan St.	4-2
Penn State	DNP	at Illinois	6-0	Purdue	2-1
Purdue	DNP	at Ohio State	5-0	at Wisconsin	2-1
at Wisconsin	0-0	N'western	2-2	Minnesota	1-1
at N'western	0-0	at Purdue	2-2	at N'western	2-1
Minnesota	0-0	Wisconsin	7-3	Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	1-1	at Minnesota	7-0	Illinois	INJ
at Nebraska	0-0	Nebraska	1-0	at Nebraska	INJ
Michigan (n)	1-0	Kentucky (n)	6-1	Michigan (n)	INJ
Kentucky (n)	1-0	**Totals**	**56-19**	**Totals**	**26-15**
Totals	**3-1**				

Game-By-Game Kickoff Return Stats

2021	No.	Yds	TD	Lng	2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Indiana	DNP				SD State	0	0	0	---
at IA State	DNP				IA State	0	0	0	---
Kent State	DNP				Nevada	0	0	0	---
Colo. State	DNP				at Rutgers	0	0	0	---
at Maryland	DNP				Michigan	0	0	0	---
Penn State	DNP				at Illinois	0	0	0	---
Purdue	DNP				at Ohio State	0	0	0	---
at Wisconsin	1	20	0	20	N'western	0	0	0	---
at N'western	0	0	0	---	at Purdue	0	0	0	---
Minnesota	0	0	0	---	Wisconsin	0	0	0	---
Illinois	0	0	0	---	at Minnesota	0	0	0	---
at Nebraska	0	0	0	---	Nebraska	0	0	0	---
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	---	Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	---
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	---	**Totals**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**---**
Totals	**1**	**20**	**0**	**20**					

Game-By-Game Punt Return Stats

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng	2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	---	Utah State	2	3	0	3
IA State	0	0	0	---	at Iowa State	2	5	0	5
Nevada	0	0	0	---	W. Michigan	5	77	0	28
at Rutgers	0	0	0	---	at Penn State	2	15	0	15
Michigan	0	0	0	---	Michigan St.	1	70	1	70
at Illinois	0	0	0	---	Purdue	3	45	0	24
at Ohio State	0	0	0	---	at Wisconsin	2	6	0	4
N'western	0	0	0	---	Minnesota	1	0	0	0
at Purdue	1	17	0	17	at N'western	2	17	0	12
Wisconsin	4	82	0	41	Rutgers	1	3	0	3
at Minnesota	2	24	0	16	Illinois	INJ			
Nebraska	0	0	0	---	at Nebraska	INJ			
Kentucky (n)	3	42	0	34	Michigan (n)	INJ			
Totals	**10**	**165**	**0**	**41**	**Totals**	**21**	**241**	**1**	**70**

Game-By-Game Rushing Stats

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	1	8	0	8
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	INJ			
at Nebraska	INJ			
Michigan (n)	INJ			
Totals	**1**	**8**	**0**	**8**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds-TD	PBU	FF	RF
2021	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0-0-0	0	0	0
2022	56	19	75	3/5	0/0	5-91-3	8	0	0
2023	26	15	41	2/5	0/0	2-41-0	5	0	0
Career	**85**	**35**	**120**	**5/10**	**0/0**	**7-132-3**	**12**	**0**	**0**

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Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	1	20	20.0	0	20
2022	0	0	---	0	---
2023	0	0	---	0	---
Career	**1**	**20**	**20.0**	**0**	**20**

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	0	0	---	0	---
2022	10	165	16.5	0	41
2023	21	241	11.9	1	70
Career	**31**	**406**	**13.1**	**1**	**70**

Rushing	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	1	8	8.0	0	8
Career	**1**	**8**	**8.0**	**0**	**8**

56 - - ***Nick DeJong (dee-YOUNG)

Offensive Line
6-6, 305, Senior
Pella, Iowa (Pella HS)

2023 Honors - - Third-team All-Big Ten by league coaches and honorable mention All-Big Ten by league media... Brett Greenwood Award, offense... **2023 - -** Started seven games on the offensive line - five at left guard, one at right guard, and one at right tackle... played in 10 games... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019... helped team to 179 rushing yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers.

Personal - - Born 6/10/2000... sport and recreation management major... earned academic all-conference honors two years... parents are Stephanie and Mike DeJong... one of two players from Pella on the Iowa roster... high school coach was Jay McKinstrey.

31 - - Nolan DeLong

Linebacker
6-0, 210, Freshman
Durant, Iowa (Durant HS)

2023 Honors - - Dean's List student (2023 fall)... **2023 - -** Saw first career action in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 12/18/2004... exercise science major... received IHSAA Distinguished Academic Achievement Award as a sophomore and junior. . . academic all-district and all-conference honors... member of Honor roll throughout prep career... parents are Rebecca and Ross DeLong... high school coach was Joel Diederichs.

71 - - Jack Dotzler (DOAT-zler)

Offensive Line
6-6, 295, Redshirt Freshman
Waunakee, Wis. (Waunakee HS)

2023 Honors - - Dean's List student (2023 fall)... **2023 - -** Saw first career action on the offensive line in 41-10 win over Western Michigan.... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019.

Personal - - Born 3/27/04... finance major... earned Academic All-State recognition and was member of Superior Honor Roll... parents are Katie and Jeff Dotzler... high school coach was Pat Rice.

67 - - *Gennings Dunker (Jennings)

Offensive Line
6-5, 320, Sophomore
Lena, Ill. (Lena-Winslow HS)

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by league media... CSC Academic All-District... Academic All-Big Ten... Team Hustle Award, offense... **2023 - -** Started at right tackle and played in 12 games... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards in 20-14 win over Purdue... helped team to 200 rushing yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, which is the program's most vs. the Badgers since 2008... helped team to 179 rushing yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers.

Personal - - Born 5/8/2003... human physiology major... named to principal honor list as a prep... parents are Michelle and Mike Dunker... high school coach was Ric Arand.

39 - - **Luke Elkin (L-kin) ^

Long Snapper
6-1, 230, Junior
Neenah, Wis. (Neenah HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams... **2023 - -** Played in all 13 games, handling all deep snaps... collected one assisted tackle on special teams in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State.

Personal - - Born 6/27/2002... enterprise leadership major... named to A Honor Roll as a prep... parents are Dana and Mike Elkin... high school coach was Steve Jung.

Career Defensive Bests

Tackles: _____1, five times, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Solos:_____1, three times, last vs. South Dakota State, 9/3/22
Assists:_____1, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23

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Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2021	Solo-Ast	2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-0	SD State	1-0	Utah State	0-0
at IA State	0-0	IA State	0-0	at Iowa State	0-0
Kent State	0-0	Nevada	0-1	W. Michigan	0-0
Colo. State	0-0	at Rutgers	0-0	at Penn State	0-0
at Maryland	1-0	Michigan	0-0	Michigan St.	0-1
Penn State	0-0	at Illinois	0-0	Purdue	0-0
Purdue	0-0	at Ohio State	0-0	at Wisconsin	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0	N'western	0-0	Minnesota	0-0
at N'western	0-0	at Purdue	0-0	at N'western	0-0
Minnesota	0-0	Wisconsin	0-0	Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0	at Minnesota	0-0	Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0	Nebraska	0-0	at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	1-0	Kentucky (n)	0-0	Michigan (n)	0-0
Kentucky (n)	0-0	**Totals**	**1-1**	**Totals**	**0-1**
Totals	**2-0**				

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF
2021	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0
2022	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0
2023	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0
Career	**3**	**2**	**5**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

76 - - **Tyler Elsbury

Offensive Line
6-5, 312, Junior
Byron, Ill. (Byron HS)

2023 Honors - - Next Man in Award, offense... **2023 - -** Played on the offensive line in 11 games, starting at center at Nebraska... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards in 20-14 win over Purdue... helped team to 200 rushing yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, which is the program's most vs. the Badgers since 2008... helped team to 179 rushing yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers.

Personal - - Born 7/14/2001... open major... earned academic all-state recognition... parents are Cyndi and Mike Elsbury... high school coach was Jeff Boyer.

4 - - Koen Entringer

(CO-uhn IN-tring-ur)
Defensive Back
6-0, 211, Redshirt Freshman
Ypsilanti, Mich. (Walled Lake Western HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Posted a career-best four solo tackles in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... had one solo tackle in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, in 13-10 win at Nebraska, and in 26-0 loss to Michigan... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 8/3/2004... sport and recreation management major... parents are Korissa Entringer and Daniel Myers... high school coach was Kory Cioroch.

Career Defensive Bests

Tackles: 4 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Solos: 4 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
SD State	DNP	Utah State	4-0
IA State	DNP	at Iowa State	0-0
Nevada	DNP	W. Michigan	0-0
at Rutgers	DNP	at Penn State	0-0
Michigan	DNP	Michigan St.	0-0
at Illinois	DNP	Purdue	0-0
at Ohio State	DNP	at Wisconsin	1-0
N'western	DNP	Minnesota	0-0
at Purdue	DNP	at N'western	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0	Rutgers	0-0
at Minnesota	1-0	Illinois	0-0
Nebraska	0-0	at Nebraska	1-0
Kentucky (n)	0-0	Michigan (n)	1-0
Totals	**1-0**	**Totals**	**7-0**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds-TD	PBU	FF	RF
2022	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0-0-0	0	0	0
2023	7	0	7	0/0	0/0	0-0-0	0	0	0
Career	**8**	**0**	**8**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0-0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

13 - - ****Joe Evans

Defensive End
6-2, 252, Senior
Ames, Iowa (Ames HS)

Hawk-Item - - His 24 career QB sacks ties for sixth most in program history.

2023 Honors - - Burlsworth Trophy semifinalist... third-team All-Big Ten by league media and honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches... Phil Steele fourth-time All-Big Ten... preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... Academic All-Big Ten... Permanent Team Captain, defense; Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense; Iron Hawk Award; one of nine seniors named to the 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Has 41 tackles (23 solo, 18 assists) on the season, leading team with 10 QB pressures and 9.5 tackles for loss of 40 yards, and 5.5 QB sacks for 27 yards... also has four pass break-ups and one forced fumble on the season... the 9.5 tackles for loss rank ninth and his 5.5 QB sacks on the season rank 10th in the Big Ten... posted a career-high seven tackles (five solo, two assists) and one QB pressure in 31-0 loss at Penn State... matched a career-high seven tackles (four solo, three assists), including a career-high 4.5 tackles for 20 yards and 1.5 QB sacks for 12 yards, and one QB pressure in 20-14 win over Purdue... had six tackle (four solo, two assists), including one QB sack for five yards, and one QB pressure in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... recorded a five tackles (one solo, four assists), including one tackle for a loss of five yards, two QB pressures, and one pass break-up in 20-13 win at Iowa State... collected four solo tackles, including one QB sack, and one QB pressure in 10-7 win at Northwestern... recorded three tackles (one solo, two assists), including one QB sack for five yards that resulted in a safety, one forced fumble and a career-high two pass break-ups in 15-13 in over Illinois... had three tackles (two solo, one assist), including one QB sack for a loss of five yards, and one QB pressure in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... had three tackles (one solo, two assissts) and one QB pressure in 13-10 win at Nebraska... started at defensive end in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 6/29/1099... enterprise leadership major... carried a 3.2 prep GPA... parents are Abby and Spence Evans... father Spence Evans also played football at Iowa... high school coach was Bruce Vertanen.

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Career Bests

Tackles: _____7 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Solos:_____5 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Assists:_____4 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Tackles for Loss_____4.5 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
QB Sacks:_____2.5 vs. Minnesota, 11/16/19
QB Pressure: _____3, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Safety: _____1, twice, last vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Pass Break-Ups:_____2 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Forced Fumble:_____1, three times, last vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Recovered Fumble:____1 at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Touchdown: _____1 at Ohio State, 10/22/22 (fumble ret.)

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2019	Solo-Ast
Miami	DNP
Rutgers	0-0
at IA State	DNP
MTSU	INJ
at Mich	DNP
Penn State	DNP
Purdue	0-0
at N'western	1-1
at Wisconsin	0-0
Minnesota	2-1
Illinois	1-0
at Nebraska	1-0
USC (n)	0-0
Totals	**5-2**

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	0-0
N'western	1-0
Mich. State	1-1
at Minnesota	0-0
at Penn St.	0-0
Nebraska	0-1
at Illinois	1-2
Wisconsin	0-0
Totals	**3-4**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	1-0
at IA State	1-0
Kent State	3-2
Colo. State	0-3
at Maryland	1-0
Penn State	2-2
Purdue	1-0
at Wisconsin	2-1
at N'western	2-2
Minnesota	1-3
Illinois	1-1
at Nebraska	1-1
Michigan	0-1
Kentucky (n)	1-1
Totals	**16-18**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	2-2
IA State	1-3
Nevada	1-3
at Rutgers	1-3
Michigan	1-3
at Illinois	0-3
at Ohio State	1-0
N'western	3-2
at Purdue	1-1
Wisconsin	1-1
at Minnesota	2-1
Nebraska	1-0
Kentucky (n)	0-4
Totals	**15-26**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	0-1
at Iowa State	1-4
W. Michigan	2-1
at Penn State	5-2
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	4-3
at Wisconsin	0-1
Minnesota	4-2
at N'western	4-0
Rutgers	1-0
Illinois	1-2
at Nebraska	1-2
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**23-18**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FF	RF
2019	5	2	7	4/16	4/16	0-0	0	1	0	0
2020	4	4	8	2/8	1/3	0-0	1	5	0	0
2021	16	18	34	7/47	7/47	0-0	1	6	1	0
2022	15	26	41	8.5/53	6.5/47	0-0	0	4	2	1
2023	23	18	41	9.5/40	5.5/27	0-0	4	10	1	0
Career	**65**	**66**	**128**	**31/164**	**24.0/140**	**0-0**	**6**	**26**	**4**	**1**

60 - - Rusty Feth

Offensive Line
6-3, 310, Senior
Colerain, Ohio (Colerain HS/Miami, Ohio)

Hawk Item - - Joined program as a graduate transfer from Miami, Ohio.

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches and media... **2023 - -** Played on the offensive line in all 13 games, starting eight games at left guard... had first career start at left guard in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which was the most recorded by Iowa since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards in 20-14 win over Purdue... helped team to 200 rushing yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, which is the program's most vs. the Badgers since 2008... helped team to 179 rushing yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers.

Personal - - Born 2/9/2001... sports leadership and management major... parents are Sharron and Rusty Feth... high school coach was Tom Bolden.

37 - - ***Kyler Fisher

Linebacker
5-11, 233, Senior
Farnhamville, Iowa (SE Valley HS)

2023 Honors - - Brett Greenwood Award and Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams... one of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Has 26 tackles (18 solo, eight assists) including 3.5 tackles for a loss of 7 yards and one QB sack for two yards, one pass break-up, one QB pressure, and one forced fumble on the season... recorded a career-high seven tackles (five solo, two assists), including one for a loss of two yards, in 31-0 loss at Penn State in his first career start... recorded five tackles (three solo, two assists - also career-highs), including half a tackle for a loss of two yards, in 20-13 win at Iowa State... had three tackles (one solo, two assists), including one QB sack for two yards, and one QB pressure in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had three tackles (two solo, one assist) in 13-10 win at Nebraska... had one solo tackle, forced his first career fumble, and had his first career pass break-up in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... played in all 13 games, starting at leo/cash position three times.

Personal - - Born 2/16/2001... enterprise leadership major... parents are Heather and Gerald Fisher... high school coach was Mike Swieter.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____7 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Solos:_____5 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Assists:_____2, twice, last at Penn State, 9/23/23
Forced Fumble:_____1 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Punt Block Return TD:__1 at Nebraska, 11/26/21

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Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	DNP
N'western	1-0
Mich. State	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0
at Penn St.	0-0
Nebraska	0-0
at Illinois	0-0
Wisconsin	1-0
Totals	**2-0**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-0
at IA State	0-0
Kent State	0-0
Colo. State	1-0
at Maryland	1-0
Penn State	0-1
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	1-0
at N'western	0-0
Minnesota	0-0
Illinois	0-1
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Kentucky (n)	0-0
Totals	**3-2**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	1-0
IA State	0-0
Nevada	0-0
at Rutgers	0-1
Michigan	0-0
at Illinois	0-0
at Ohio State	0-0
N'western	0-1
at Purdue	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0
Nebraska	0-0
Kentucky (n)	1-1
Totals	**2-3**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	1-0
at Iowa State	3-2
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	5-2
Michigan St.	2-1
Purdue	2-0
at Wisconsin	1-0
Minnesota	1-2
at N'western	1-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	2-1
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**18-8**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FF	RF
2020	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2022	2	3	5	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2023	18	8	26	3.5/7	1.0/2	0-0	1	1	1	0
Career	**25**	**13**	**38**	**3.5/7**	**1.0/2**	**0-0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**0**

51 - - Luke Gaffney

Defensive Line
6-2, 270, Redshirt Freshman
Robins, Iowa (Linn-Mar HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Saw first career action in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 7/1/2003... pre-business major... Honors student... parents are Carol and John Gaffney... high school coach was Tim Lovell.

95 - - *Aaron Graves ^

Defensive Line
6-4, 293, Sophomore
Dayton, Iowa (Southeast Valley HS)

2023 Honors - - CSC Academic All-District... Academic All-Big Ten... Forest Evashevski Academic Achievement Award... Dean's List student (2023 fall)... **2023 - -** Has 34 tackles (12 solo, 22 assists), including 3.5 tackles for a loss of 21 yards and 1.5 QB sacks for eight yards, one pass break-up and one forced fumble on the season... recorded a career-high six assisted tackles and one pass break-up in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had five tackles (1 solo, four assists), including one tackle for a loss of 11 yards, in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... collected five tackles (one solo, four assists), including 1.5 tackles for a loss of nine yards and one QB sack for eight yards, in 20-14 win over Purdue... recorded four tackles (career-high three solo, one assist) in 20-13 win at Iowa State... had four tackles (one solo, three assists), including half a tackle for a loss of one year, in 31-0 loss at Penn State... collected one solo tackle and forced his first career fumble late in the fourth quarter in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 7/14/2003... exercise science major... academic all-state... parents are Amber and Mark Graves... high school coach was Mike Swieter.

Career Bests

Tackles:	6 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Solos:	3, twice, last at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Assists:	6 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Tackle for Loss:	2 at Purdue, 11/5/22
QB Sack:	1.5 at Rutgers, 9/24/22
Forced Fumble:	1 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Pass Break-up:	1 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	DNP
IA State	0-0
Nevada	1-3
at Rutgers	1-0
Michigan	0-1
at Illinois	0-1
at Ohio State	0-0
N'western	0-2
at Purdue	3-0
Wisconsin	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0
Nebraska	0-1
Kentucky (n)	0-0
Totals	**5-9**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	1-4
at Iowa State	3-1
W. Michigan	1-1
at Penn State	1-3
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	1-4
at Wisconsin	1-0
Minnesota	0-6
at N'western	1-0
Rutgers	1-0
Illinois	0-2
at Nebraska	1-1
Michigan (n)	1-0
Totals	**12-22**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	FF	RF
2022	5	9	14	5.5/25	2.5/14	0-0	0	0	0
2023	12	23	34	3.5/21	1/8	0-0	1	1	0
Career	**17**	**32**	**48**	**9/46**	**3.5/22**	**0-0**	**1**	**1**	**0**

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2 - - *TJ Hall ^

Defensive Back
6-0, 185, Sophomore
Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS)

2023 - - Recorded a career-high two tackles (one solo, one assist) in 20-13 win at Iowa State... had one solo tackle in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State and in 20-14 win vs. Purdue, and one assisted tackle in 31-0 loss at Penn State... played in first six games.

Personal - - Born 4/26/2004... given name is Terrence Javaughn... journalism/communications major... Scholar Athlete and Honor Roll as a prep... parents are Monique and Terrence Hall... high school coach was Anthony Goston.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____2 at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Solos:_____1, six times, last vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Assists:_____1, twice, last at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Interceptions: _____1 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Touchdowns: _____1 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Pass Break-up:_____1 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-0	Utah State	1-0
IA State	0-0	at Iowa State	1-1
Nevada	0-1	W. Michigan	0-0
at Rutgers	0-0	at Penn State	0-1
Michigan	0-0	Michigan St.	0-0
at Illinois	0-0	Purdue	1-0
at Ohio State	0-0	at Wisconsin	INJ
N'western	1-0	Minnesota	INJ
at Purdue	1-0	at N'western	INJ
Wisconsin	0-0	Rutgers	INJ
at Minnesota	1-0	Illinois	INJ
Nebraska	0-0	at Nebraska	INJ
Kentucky (n)	0-0	Michigan (n)	INJ
Totals	**3-1**	**Totals**	**3-2**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	FF	RF
2022	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0
2023	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0
Career	**6**	**3**	**9**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

41 - - Jaden Harrell (HAIR-uhl)

Linebacker
6-2, 237, Sophomore
Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Recorded one solo tackle in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 9/27/2002... business major... academic all-conference... parents are Michelle McCoy and Erich Saeger... high school coach was Sam Anderson.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Assists:_____1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	1-0
at Iowa State	0-0
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
Minnesota	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**1-0**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2023	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0

27 - - *Jermari Harris (jir-MAR-ee)

Defensive Back
6-1, 190, Junior
Chicago, Ill. (Montini Catholic HS)

2023 Honors - - Comeback Player of the Year Award... one of six juniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Has 39 tackles (29 solo, 10 assists), including one tackle for a loss of one yard, eight pass break-ups and one interception on the season... the eight pass break-ups leads the team and ranks fourth in the Big Ten... recorded a career-high eight solo tackles, including one tackle for a loss of one yard, and four pass-break-ups in 15-13 win over Illinois... had six tackles (three solo, three assists) in 20-14 win vs. Purdue... recorded five tackles (two solo, three assists) in 10-7 win at Northwestern... had four solo tackles and his fifth career interception in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... collected four tackles (two solo, two assists) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... recorded three solo tackles and two pass break-ups in 22-0 win over Rutgers... had two tackles (one solo, one assist) and one pass break-up in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... recorded two solo tackles and one pass break-up in 13-10 win at Nebraska... started at cornerback in last 11 games.

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Personal - - Born 9/19/2000... enterprise leadership major... earned academic all-conference recognition as a senior... mother is Johnada Jenkins... one of three players from Chicago on Iowa roster... high school coach was Mike Bukovsky.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____8 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Solos:_____8 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Assists:_____3, twice, last at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Tackle for Loss_____1, twice, last vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Interceptions: _____1, five times, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Pass Break-Up: _____4 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2019	Solo-Ast
Miami	DNP
Rutgers	DNP
at IA State	0-0
MTSU	2-0
at Mich	DNP
Penn State	DNP
Purdue	DNP
at N'western	DNP
at Wisconsin	DNP
Minnesota	DNP
Illinois	DNP
at Nebraska	DNP
USC (n)	DNP
Totals	**2-0**

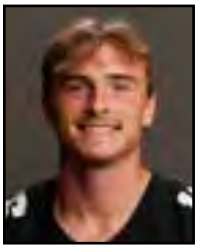
2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	DNP
N'western	0-0
Mich. State	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0
at Penn St.	DNP
Nebraska	DNP
at Illinois	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0
Totals	**0-0**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-1
at IA State	0-0
Kent State	0-0
Colo. State	0-0
at Maryland	3-0
Penn State	0-0
Purdue	0-1
at Wisconsin	6-1
at N'western	3-2
Minnesota	0-1
Illinois	3-2
at Nebraska	1-1
Michigan (n)	3-0
Kentucky (n)	3-3
Totals	**22-12**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	DNP
at Iowa State	DNP
W. Michigan	1-0
at Penn State	1-1
Michigan St.	4-0
Purdue	3-3
at Wisconsin	1-1
Minnesota	2-2
at N'western	2-3
Rutgers	3-0
Illinois	8-0
at Nebraska	2-0
Michigan (n)	2-0
Totals	**27-10**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2019	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0--0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	22	12	34	1.5/3	0/0	4-0	0	4	0	0
2023	29	10	39	1/1	0/0	1-0	0	8	0	0
Career	**53**	**22**	**75**	**2.5/4**	**0/0**	**5-0**	**0**	**12**	**0**	**0**



16 - - *Jamison Heinz

Defensive Back
6-0, 199, Junior
Humboldt, Iowa (Humboldt HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Recorded two solo tackles in 31-0 loss at Penn State... had one solo tackle in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... played in 10 games.

Personal - - Born 12/3/2001... exercise science major... National Honor Society... Academic All-District two years... parents are Steph and Jason Heinz... cousin of former Hawkeye Austin Schulte... high school coaches were Derrick Elman and Greg Thomas.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____6 vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
Solo: _____5 vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
Assists:_____1 vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
Pass Break-Up: _____1 vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-0
IA State	0-0
Nevada	2-0
at Rutgers	0-0
Michigan	0-0
at Illinois	0-0
at Ohio State	0-0
N'western	1-0
at Purdue	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0
Nebraska	5-1
Kentucky (n)	0-0
Totals	**8-1**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	DNP
at Iowa State	DNP
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	2-0
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	DNP
at Wisconsin	1-0
Minnesota	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**3-0**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	PBU	QBH	FF	RF
2022	8	1	9	0/0	0/0	1	0	0	0
2023	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Career	**11**	**1**	**12**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

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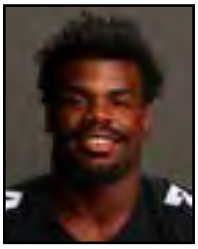

34 - - ***Jay Higgins ^

Linebacker
6-2, 233, Senior
Indianapolis, Ind. (Brebeuf Jesuit Prep)

Hawk Item - - Set the school record for most assisted tackles in a season (90)... his 155 tackles in 2023 are the fourth most in a single season in program history.

2023 Honors - - First-team All-America by FWAA, Phil Steele, and Sports Illustrated... second-team All-America by AFCA, CBS, Walter Camp, Associated Press, and Sporting News... first-team All-Big Ten by league coaches and media... Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree... Phil Steele first-team All-Big Ten... midseason first team All-American by FOX and the Sporting News... Associated Press midseason second team All-American... named to Rotary Lombardi Award midseason Watch List... Butkus Award semifinalist... Duke Slater Golden Gavel Award honoree... Roy Carver Most Valuable Player, defense; Permanent Team Captain, defense; Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense... one of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Leads team with 155 tackles (65 solo, 90 assists) on the season, which leads the Big Ten and ranks second in the nation (most by a Power 5 player)... leads the Big Ten and ranks sixth in the nation in assisted tackles (90), and ranks second in the Big Ten in fumbles recovered (2) and fourth in solo tackles (65)... the 90 assisted tackles set a school record for most assisted tackles in a season... also has four tackles for a loss of six yards, including one QB sack for two yards, one interception, four pass break-ups, three QB pressures, and one forced fumble on the season... his 155 tackles on the season ranks fourth in program history... recorded 15+ tackles in two games and 10+ tackles in nine games this season... led team with a career-high 18 tackles (10 solo, eight assists) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... that tackle number was the most recorded by a Hawkeye since 2012... led team with 16 tackles (12 solo, 4 assists) and one pass break-up in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... led team with 14 tackles (two solo, career-high 12 assists), including 0.5 tackles for a loss of one yard, and one QB pressure in 12-10 loss to Minnesota... led team with 14 tackles (five solo, nine assists) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... led team with 13 tackles (seven solo, six assists) and forced one fumble in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... led team with 12 tackles (six solo, six assists) and one pass break-up in 15-13 win over Illinois... led team with 12 tackles (four solo, eight assists) in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... led team with 12 tackles and recorded his first career interception in 20-14 win over Purdue... led team with 12 tackles (six solo, six assists), including one QB sack for two yards and two tackles for a loss of three yards, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... collected a team-high nine tackles (four solo, five assists), first forced fumble of his career and one QB pressure in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... led team with eight tackles (two solo, six assists), including one tackle for a loss of one yard, in 22-0 win over Rutgers... had eight tackles (three solo, five assists), including 0.5 tackles for a loss of one yard, one fumble recovery and one QB pressure in 13-10 win at Nebraska... tallied seven tackles (two solo, five assists) and one pass break-up in 20-13 win at Iowa State... started at middle linebacker in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 2/14/2002... open major... parents are Shelley and Roy Higgins... high school coach was Mic Roessler.

Career Bests

Tackles:	18 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Solo:	12 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Assists:	12 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Tackle for Loss:	2 at Northwestern, 11/4/23
QB Sack:	1 at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Fumble Recovery:	1, three times, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Interceptions:	1 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Pass Break-Ups:	1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
QB Pressure:	1, three times, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	0-0
N'western	0-0
Mich. State	0-0
at Minnesota	2-0
at Penn St.	0-0
Nebraska	0-0
at Illinois	DNP
Wisconsin	DNP
Totals	**2**-0

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-1
at IA State	0-0
Kent State	0-1
Colo. State	1-0
at Maryland	2-0
Penn State	0-0
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Minnesota	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Kentucky (n)	0-0
Totals	**3-2**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-1
IA State	0-0
Nevada	0-2
at Rutgers	2-3
Michigan	4-3
at Illinois	0-1
at Ohio State	0-0
N'western	6-5
at Purdue	3-1
Wisconsin	1-1
at Minnesota	3-1
Nebraska	INJ
Kentucky (n)	1-1
Totals	**20-19**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	12-4
at Iowa State	2-5
W. Michigan	4-5
at Penn State	10-8
Michigan St.	4-8
Purdue	2-10
at Wisconsin	7-6
Minnesota	2-12
at N'western	6-6
Rutgers	2-6
Illinois	6-6
at Nebraska	3-5
Michigan (n)	5-9
Totals	**65-90**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	PBU	QBH	FF	RF	Blk
2020	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	20	19	39	1.5/3	0.5/3	0	0	0	0	0
2023	65	90	155	4.0/6	1/2	4	3	1	2	1
Career	**90**	**111**	**201**	**5.5/9**	**1.5/5**	**4**	**3**	**1**	**3**	**1**

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10 - - Deacon Hill

Quarterback
6-3, 258, Sophomore
Santa Barbara, Calif. (Santa Barbara HS/Wisconsin)

Hawk Item - - Joined program in spring, 2023 after playing at Wisconsin in 2022 and redshirting in 2021... played in one contest in 2022 but had no passing attempts.

2023 Honors - - Next Man in Award, offense... **2023 - -** Has completed 115-of-233 passing attempts for 1,076 yards, five touchdowns and six interceptions, with his longest completion of 54 yards, this season... completed 20-of-31 passing attempts for 223 yards, with the longest reception of 54 yards, one interception and one touchdown in 22-0 win over Rutgers... completed 19-of-29 passing attempts for 167 yards and one touchdown, with a long completion of 31 yards, and rushed five times for -2 yards, with a career-long rush of 12 yards, in 15-13 win over Illinois... completed 18-of-32 passing attempts for 120 yards, (long completion of 19 yards) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... completed 11-of-27 passing attempts for 115 yards, first career touchdown and a long of 32 in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... completed 11-of-28 passing attempts for 94 yards, with a long reception of 37 yards, and rushed five times for a career-high 10 yards and one touchdown (long rush of eight yards) in 13-10 win at Nebraska... completed 10-of-15 passing attempts for 65 yards and one touchdown in 10-7 win at Northwestern... the longest completion of the game (23 yards) set up Iowa's game-winning field goal... completed 10-of a career-high 28 passing attempts for 116 yards, one interception, and a long of 36 yards in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... rushed a career-high eight times and scored his first career rushing touchdown vs. Minnesota... went 6-of-21 passing for 110 yards, one touchdown and one interception in 20-14 win over Purdue in his first career start... completed 6-of-14 passes for 37 yards and a long of 14 in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... started last eight games at quarterback, playing in 12.

Personal - - Born 2/11/2003... sport and recreation management major ... parents are Pe'a Hill and Cindy Hill... high school coach was JT Stone.

Career Bests

Passing

Attempts:	32 vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Completions:	20 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards:	223 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Long:	54 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Touchdowns:	1, five times, last vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

Rushing

Attempts:	8 vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Yards:	10 at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Touchdowns:	1, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Long:	12 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

2023 Game-By-Game Stats

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	1-3-0	5	0	5
at IA State	DNP			
W. Michigan	2-3-0	30	0	21
at Penn State	1-2-0	14	0	14
Michigan St	11-27-1	115	1	32
Purdue	6-21-1	110	1	33
at Wisconsin	6-14-0	37	0	14
Minnesota	10-28-1	116	0	36
at N'western	10-15-1	65	1	23
Rutgers	20-31-1	223	1	54
Illinois	19-29-0	167	1	31
at Nebraska	11-28-1	94	0	37
Michigan (n)	18-32-0	120	0	19
Totals	**115-233-6**	**1096**	**5**	**54**

Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	DNP			
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	1	(-7)	0	0
Michigan St	3	(-3)	0	0
Purdue	2	(-25)	0	0
at Wisconsin	3	(-18)	0	0
Minnesota	8	(-22)	1	7
at N'western	6	(-7)	0	2
Rutgers	4	(-4)	0	2
Illinois	5	(-2)	0	12
at Nebraska	5	10	1	8
Michigan (n)	6	(-16)	0	3
Totals	**44**	**(-112)**	**1**	**12**

Career Statistics

Passing	Comp	Att	Pct.	Yds	TD	Int	Lng
2022	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
2023	115	233	.494	1,096	5	6	54
Career	**115**	**233**	**.494**	**1,096**	**5**	**6**	**54**

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	1	(-10)	(-10.0)	0	0
2023	43	(-112)	(-2.6)	2	12
Career	**44**	**(-122)**	**(-2.8)**	**2**	**12**

20 - - *Deavin Hilson (DEV-in)

Defensive Back
6-1, 197, Sophomore
Des Moines, Iowa (North HS)

2023 Honors - - Team Hustle Award, special teams... **2023 - -** Saw action in all 13 games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 1/2/2003... accounting/business major... academics... parents are Regina Turner and Adell Hilson... high school coach was Eric Addy.

Career Bests

Tackles:	1, twice, last at Purdue, 11/5/22
Solo:	1, twice, last at Purdue, 11/5/22

Game-By-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
SD State	DNP	Utah State	0-0
IA State	DNP	at Iowa State	0-0
Nevada	DNP	W. Michigan	0-0
at Rutgers	DNP	at Penn State	0-0
Michigan	DNP	Michigan St.	0-0
at Illinois	0-0	Purdue	0-0
at Ohio State	1-0	at Wisconsin	0-0
N'western	0-0	Minnesota	0-0
at Purdue	1-0	at N'western	0-0
Wisconsin	0-0	Rutgers	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0	Illinois	0-0
Nebraska	0-0	at Nebraska	0-0
Kentucky (n)	0-0	Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**2-0**	**Totals**	**0-0**

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Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	PBU	QBH	FF	RF	Blk
2022	2	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	0
Career	**2**	**0**	**0**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

49 - - *Ethan Hurkett (HERK-it)

Defensive Line
6-3, 260, Junior
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Dean's List student (2023 fall)... Team Hustle Award, defense... **2023 - -** Has 49 tackles (25 solo, 24 assists), including six tackles for a loss of eight yards, one interception for 16 yards, three QB pressures and one recovered fumble on the season... posted a career-high nine tackles (five solo, four assists) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... matched a career-high nine tackles (five solo, four assists), which led the team, including 1.5 tackles for a loss of one yard), and collected his first career interception, returning it 16 yards to set up Iowa's game-winning field goal in 13-10 win at Nebraska... recorded five tackles (three solo, two assists), including a career-high and team-leading two tackles for a loss of four yards, in 20-13 win at Iowa State... one of those tackles for loss was on a fourth-and-one play to clinch the victory over Iowa State... recorded four tackles (one solo, three assists), including 0.5 tackles for a loss of one yard, in 20-14 win over Purdue... had four tackles (two solo, two assists) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had four tackles (two solo, two assists), including one tackle for a loss of one yard, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... recovered his first career fumble in 26-16 win over Michigan State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 9/19/2001... management major... Honor Roll student four straight years... named to all-district academic team as a junior and senior... parents are Janelle and Edward Hurkett... high school coach was Duane Schulte.

Career Bests

Tackles: 9, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Solo: 5, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Assists: 4, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Tackle for Loss: 2 at Iowa State, 9/9/23
QB Sack: 1 vs. Northwestern, 10/29/22
QB Pressure: 1, five times, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Fumbles Recovered: 1 vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Interceptions: 1 at Nebraska, 11/24/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2021	Solo-Ast	2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
Indiana	1-2	SD State	0-0	Utah State	0-2
at IA State	0-0	IA State	1-0	at Iowa State	3-2
Kent State	1-0	Nevada	0-0	W. Michigan	2-1
Colo. State	INJ	at Rutgers	0-1	at Penn State	5-4
at Maryland	INJ	Michigan	2-1	Michigan St.	0-2
Penn State	INJ	at Illinois	1-1	Purdue	1-3
Purdue	INJ	at Ohio State	0-0	at Wisconsin	3-0
at Wisconsin	INJ	N'western	1-0	Minnesota	2-2
at N'western	INJ	at Purdue	3-0	at N'western	2-2
Minnesota	INJ	Wisconsin	0-1	Rutgers	2-1
Illinois	INJ	at Minnesota	1-1	Illinois	0-1
at Nebraska	INJ	Nebraska	1-0	at Nebraska	5-4
Michigan (n)	INJ	Kentucky (n)	0-0	Michigan (n)	1-2
Kentucky (n)	INJ	**Totals**	**10-5**	**Totals**	**26-26**
Totals	**2-2**				

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	T/Loss	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FF	RF
2021	2	2	4	0.5/1	0/0	0-0	0	1	0	0
2022	10	5	15	2/12	1/10	0-0	0	1	0	0
2023	26	26	52	6/8	0/0	1-16	0	3	0	1
Career	**38**	**33**	**71**	**8.5/22**	**1/10**	**1-16**	**0**	**5**	**0**	**1**

10 - - Nick Jackson

Linebacker
6-0, 237, Senior
Atlanta, Ga. (The Lovett School/Virginia)

Hawk Item - - Joined Iowa program as a graduate transfer from Virginia.

2023 Honors - - Third-team All-Big Ten by league media and honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches... Phil Steele second-team All-Big Ten... named to Rotary Lombardi midseason Watch List... preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... named to Dick Butkus and Rotary Lombardi Award preseason Watch Lists... named Big Ten Co-Defensive Player of the Week (10/2) following Iowa's 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... Coaches Appreciation Award, defense... **2023 - -** His 99 tackles (42 solo, 57 assists) on the season ranks second on the team and seventh in the Big Ten... leads team and ranks fifth in Big Ten in forced fumbles on the season (2)... his 57 assisted tackles ranks third in the Big Ten... also has eight tackles for a loss of 26 yards, including four QB sacks for 16 yards, seven QB pressures, and two pass break-ups on the season... recorded a season-high 13 tackles (eight solo, five assists) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... collected 10 tackles (four solo, six assists), including one tackle for a loss of two yards, and a forced a key fourth-quarter fumble in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... had nine tackles (three solo, six assists) and QB pressure in 20-13 win at Iowa State... collected a team-leading nine tackles (four solo, five assists), including one QB sack, and forced a fumble in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... recorded eight tackles (three solo, five assists) and a matched a career-high with two QB pressures in 15-13 win over Illinois... collected eight tackles (five solo, three assists) and one pass break-up in 26-0 loss to Michigan... had seven tackles (three solo, four assists) and one pass break-up in 20-14 win over Purdue... had seven tackles (four solo, three assists), including one QB sack for eight yards, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... tallied seven tackles (two solo, five assists), including one QB sack for seven yards and 1.5 tackles for a loss of seven yards, and one pass break-up in 22-0 win over Rutgers... collected six tackles (one solo, five assists) and one QB pressure in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... had six tackles (two solo, four assists) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... recorded four tackles (two solo, two assists), including one QB sack for one yard, and matched a career-high two QB pressures in 13-10 win at Nebraska... started at weakside linebacker in all 12 games.

Personal - - Born 1/5/2001... commerce major... parents are Lisa Sanders and Doug Jackson... high school coach was Mike Muschamp.

Career Bests

Tackles: 16, twice, last at BYU, 10/30/21
Solo: 9 at BYU, 10/30/21
Assists: 10, three times, last vs. Miami, 10/29/22
Tackles for Loss: 4 vs. Duke, 10/16/21
QB Sacks: 2 at Georgia Tech, 10/20/22
QB Pressures: 2, five times, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Pass Break-Ups: 2 vs. Old Dominion, 9/17/22
Forced Fumbles: 1, three times, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23

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Game-by-Game Defensive Stats at Iowa

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	1-4
Iowa State	3-6
W. Michigan	4-5
at Penn State	8-5
Michigan St.	4-6
Purdue	3-4
at Wisconsin	1-5
Minnesota	2-4
at N'western	4-3
Rutgers	2-5
Illinois	3-5
at Nebraska	2-2
Michigan (n)	5-3
Totals	**42-57**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2019	11	17	28	1	0.5/3	0-0	2	0	0	0
2020	55	50	105	6	2.5/17	0-0	3	2	1	0
2021	54	63	117	6	2.5/18	0-0	6	2	0	0
2022	41	63	104	7	5/30	0-0	4	4	0	1
2023	42	57	99	8.0/26	4/16	0-0-0	7	2	2	0
Career	**203**	**250**	**453**	**28.0**	**14.5/84**	**0-0-0**	**27**	**10**	**3**	**1**

2 - - *Kaleb Johnson ^

Running Back
6-0, 222, Sophomore
Hamilton, Ohio (Hamilton HS)

Hawk Item - - Has 1,208 rushing yards on 261 carries, which ranks 38th in program history... became the 51st player in school history to rush for over 1,000 career yards... has four 100+ yard rushing games in his career... set Iowa freshman rushing record with 779 yards... rushed for 200 yards in win at Purdue, second highest single-game total by an Iowa freshman and 18th best total in program history... first true freshman to rush for over 100 yards in a game since Tyler Goodson, 2019.

2023 Honors - - Preseason third-team All-Big Ten kick returner by Phil Steele... preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... Doak Walker preseason Candidate... Next Man in Award, offense... **2023 - -** Rushed 110 times for 429 yards (3.9 yards per carry avg., 47.7 yards per game avg.) and three touchdowns, with a long rush of 67 yards, on the season... rushed 19 times for 63 yards and one touchdown in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... also returned game-opening kickoff for a career-high 54 yards vs. Utah State to set up first touchdown pass of the season... rushed 17 times for 134 yards and one touchdown, including a long of 67 yards, in 20-14 win vs. Purdue... had 17 rushes for 35 yards and caught one pass for four yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... rushed 15 times for 28 yards and returned one kickoff for 23 yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State... rushed 10 times for 53 yards, including a long rush of 30 yards that scored the go-ahead touchdown in 15-13 win over Illinois... rushed 10 times for 54 yards with a long rush of 27 yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers... rushed 10 times for 30 yards (long of eight yards) in 13-10 win at Nebraska... started at running back in five games, playing in nine... missed three games due to injury.

Personal - - Born 8/14/2003 in Cincinnati... information technology major... AP Scholar and Honor Roll student as a prep... mother is Juanielle Finley and grandfather is Jeffery Strader... high school coach was Nate Mahon.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 22, twice, last vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Yards: 200 at Purdue, 11/5/22
Touchdown: 2 vs. Nevada, 9/17/22
Long: 75 at Purdue, 11/5/22

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 2 at Purdue, 11/5/22
Yards: 17 at Purdue, 11/5/22
Long: 14 at Purdue, 11/5/22

Career Kickoff Return Bests

Attempts: 5 at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Yards: 118 at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Long: 54 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	3	0	0	1
IA State	4	13	0	8
Nevada	7	103	2	55
at Rutgers	15	58	0	9
Michigan	12	32	1	12
at Illinois	9	26	0	11
at Ohio State	11	28	0	8
N'western	13	93	0	18
at Purdue	22	200	1	75
Wisconsin	22	57	1	9
at Minnesota	8	43	0	21
Nebraska	16	109	1	44
Kentucky (n)	9	17	0	5
Totals	**151**	**779**	**6**	**75**

Receiving

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	- - -
IA State	0	0	0	- - -
Nevada	1	7	0	7
at Rutgers	0	0	0	- - -
Michigan	0	0	0	- - -
at Illinois	0	0	0	- - -
at Ohio State	0	0	0	- -
N'western	0	0	0	- - -
at Purdue	2	17	0	14
Wisconsin	1	3	0	3
at Minnesota	0	0	0	- - -
Nebraska	0	0	0	- - -
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	- - -
Totals	**4**	**27**	**0**	**14**

Rushing

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	19	63	1	21
at Iowa State	15	28	0	11
W. Michigan	INJ			
at Penn State	INJ			
Michigan St.	INJ			
Purdue	17	134	1	67
at Wisconsin	17	35	0	9
Minnesota	6	18	0	5
at N'western	DNP			
Rutgers	10	54	0	27
Illinois	10	53	1	30
at Nebraska	10	30	0	8
Michigan (n)	6	14	0	5
Totals	**110**	**429**	**3**	**67**

Receiving

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	INJ			
at Penn State	INJ			
Michigan St.	INJ			
Purdue	1	13	0	13
at Wisconsin	1	4	0	4
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	DNP			
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	1	8	0	8
Totals	**3**	**25**	**0**	**13**

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Kickoff Returns

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	- - -
IA State	0	0	0	- - -
Nevada	1	19	0	19
at Rutgers	2	77	0	42
Michigan	1	13	0	13
at Illinois	2	44	0	27
at Ohio State	5	118	0	33
N'western	0	0	0	- - -
at Purdue	0	0	0	- - -
Wisconsin	0	0	0	- - -
at Minnesota	0	0	0	- - -
Nebraska	2	54	0	33
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	- - -
Totals	**13**	**325**	**0**	**42**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	1	54	0	54
at Iowa State	1	23	0	23
W. Michigan	INJ			
at Penn State	INJ			
Michigan St.	INJ			
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	DNP			
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**77**	**0**	**54**

Career Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	151	779	5.2	6	75
2023	110	429	3.9	3	67
Career	**261**	**1,208**	**4.6**	**9**	**75**

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	4	27	6.8	0	14
2023	3	25	8.3	0	13
Career	**7**	**52**	**7.4**	**0**	**14**

Kick Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	13	325	25.0	0	42
2023	2	77	38.5	0	54
Career	**15**	**402**	**26.8**	**0**	**54**

65 - - *Logan Jones

Offensive Line
6-3, 290, Junior
Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central HS)

2023 Honors - - Third-team All-Big Ten by league coaches and honorable mention All-Big ten by league coaches... Phil Steele four-team All-Big Ten... preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... named to Rimington Trophy preseason Watch List... Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award... one of six juniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Started at center in 12 games, missing Nebraska game due to injury... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 over Western Michigan, which is the most since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards in 20-14 win over Purdue... helped team to 200 rushing yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, which is the program's most vs. the Badgers since 2008.

Personal - - Born 10/19/2001... pre-business major... mother is Larae Jones... high school coaches were Just Kammrad and Jim Duggan.

26 - - Kael Kolarik (co-LAIR-ick)

Defensive Back
6-0, 210, Redshirt Freshman
Indianola, Iowa (Indianola HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Saw action in all 13 games... recorded his first career solo tackle in 13-10 win at Nebraska.

Personal - - Born 7/23/2003... sport and recreation management major... recognized with ICYF and IHSSA Distinguished Academic Achievement awards... parents are Teresa and Tony Kolarik... grandfather played baseball at Iowa... high school coach was Eric Kluver.

Career Bests

Tackles: 1 at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Solos: 1 at Nebraska, 11/24/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	0-0
Iowa State	0-0
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
Minnesota	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	1-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**1-0**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2023	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0

85 - - **Luke Lachey (luh-SHAY)

Tight End
6-6, 253, Junior
Columbus, Ohio (Grandview HS)

2023 Honors - - Preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... named to John Mackey Award preseason Watch List... Academic All-Big Ten... President's List and Dean's List student (2023 fall)... Permanent Team Captain, offense and Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, offense... one of six juniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Caught 10 passes for 131 yards (long of 35) before sustaining season-ending injury in third game of the season... started at tight end in first three games... caught a team and career-high seven passes for 73 yards in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... had three receptions for 58 yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State, including a career-high 35-yard catch... left in first quarter during 41-10 win over Western Michigan due to injury, recording no statistics.

Personal - - Born 6/29/2001... enterprise leadership major... National Honor Society and Honor Roll as a prep... earned Academic All-Ohio recognition... parents are Ann and Jim Lachey... father played college football at Ohio State... high school coach was Jason Peters.

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Career Receiving Bests
Receptions: _____7, twice, last time vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Yards:_____89 vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
Touchdowns: _____1, four times last vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Long: _____35 at Iowa State, 9/9/23

Game-By-Game Receiving Stats

2020	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
at Purdue	DNP			
N'western	DNP			
Mich. State	0	0	0	- - -
at Minn.	DNP			
at Penn St.	DNP			
Nebraska	DNP			
at Illinois	DNP			
Wisconsin	DNP			
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**- - -**

2021	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Indiana	1	15	0	15
at IA State	1	17	0	17
Kent State	0	0	0	- - -
Colo. State	0	0	0	- - -
at Maryland	0	0	0	- - -
Penn State	2	25	0	14
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	- - -
at N'western	0	0	0	- - -
Minnesota	0	0	0	- - -
Illinois	0	0	0	- - -
at Nebraska	1	27	0	27
Michigan (n)	1	22	0	22
Kentucky (n)	2	27	0	15
Totals	**8**	**133**	**0**	**27**

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	1	6	0	6
IA State	2	14	0	6
Nevada	0	0	0	- - -
at Rutgers	2	37	0	20
Michigan	4	84	1	34
at Illinois	0	16	0	16
at Ohio State	1	6	0	6
N'western	1	6	1	6
at Purdue	1	22	0	22
Wisconsin	1	5	0	5
at Minnesota	5	77	0	33
Nebraska	7	89	1	15
Kentucky (n)	3	36	1	15
Totals	**28**	**398**	**4**	**34**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Utah State	7	73	0	31
at IA State	3	58	0	35
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	INJ			
Michigan St.	INJ			
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	INJ			
Minnesota	INJ			
at N'western	INJ			
Rutgers	INJ			
Illinois	INJ			
at Nebraska	INJ			
Michigan (n)	INJ			
Totals	**10**	**131**	**0**	**35**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2020	0	0	- - -	0	0
2021	8	133	16.6	0	27
2022	28	398	14.2	4	34
2023	10	131	13.1	0	35
Career	**46**	**662**	**14.4**	**4**	**35**

88 - - Hayden Large

Fullback
6-5, 250, Senior
Hudsonville, Mich. (Unity Christian HS/ Dordt University)

Hawk Item - - Graduate transfer from Dordt University who joined Iowa program in spring, 2023, with two years of eligibility... moved from tight end to fullback during spring, 2023.

2023 - - Caught one pass for 15 yards in 10-7 win at Northwestern... one pass for two yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State... played in all 13 games, starting at fullback twice.

Personal - - Born 3/27/2002... criminology major... parents are Jennifer and Forrest Large... high school coach was Craig Tibbe.

Career Receiving Bests
Receptions: _____1, three times, last vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Yards:_____15 at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Long: _____15 at Northwestern, 11/4/23

Game-By-Game Receiving Stats

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	1	2	0	2
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	1	15	0	15
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	1	2	0	2
Totals	**3**	**19**	**0**	**15**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lng
2023	3	19	6.3	0	15

8 - - Deshaun Lee

Defensive Back
5-10, 187, Redshirt Freshman
Belleville, Mich. (Belleville HS)

2023 Honors - - Next Man in Award, defense... **2023 - -** Has 31 tackles (18 solo, 13 assists) and three pass break-ups on the season... recorded a career-high nine tackles (four solo, five assists), which ranked second on team, and a team-high two pass break-ups in 20-13 win at Iowa State... had eight tackles (career-high five solo, three assists) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... had six tackles (four solo, two assists) in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State.. returned one punt for no yards vs. Utah State... collected five tackles (three solo, two assists) and one pass break-up in 15-13 win over Illinois... started at cornerback in five games, playing in 10.

Personal - - Born 3/26/2-04... business major... Honor Roll student as a prep... mother is Passion Lewis... high school coach was Jermaine Crowell.

Career Defensive Bests
Tackles: _____9 at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Solos:_____5 vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Assists:_____5 at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Pass Break-Ups:_____2 at Iowa State, 9/9/23

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Game-by-Game Defensive Stats
Defensive

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	4-2
at Iowa State	4-5
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	DNP
at Wisconsin	INJ
Minnesota	INJ
at N'western	1-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	3-2
at Nebraska	1-1
Michigan (n)	5-3
Totals	**18-13**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2023	18	13	31	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	3	0	0

85 - - **Logan Lee

Defensive Line
6-5, 291, Senior
Orion, Ill. (Orion HS)

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big ten by league coaches and media... Phil Steele third-team All-Big Ten... preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... Academic All-Big Ten... Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, defense... one of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Has 52 tackles (18 solo, 34 assists), including 5.5 tackles for a loss of 31 yards and three QB sacks for 26 yards, three pass break-ups, one QB pressure, and one blocked kick on the season... recorded a career-high 10 tackles (five solo, five assists), including a career-high 2.5 tackles for a loss of 18 yards and a career-high two QB sacks for 17 yards in 20-14 win over Purdue... had four assisted tackles and the second FG block of his career in 20-13 win at Iowa State... the blocked FG stopped Iowa State's opening drive... recorded six tackles (one solo, five assists) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... had five tackles (one solo, four assists), including 0.5 tackles for one yard, in 22-0 win over Rutgers... collected four tackles (one solo, three assists) in 10-7 win at Northwestern... had four tackles (one solo, three assists) in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... recorded four tackles (two solo, two assists) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... collected three tackles (two solo, one assist), including one QB sack for nine yards, in 26-0 loss to Michigan... had three tackles (one solo, two assists), including 0.5 tackles for a loss of one yard, in 15-13 win over Illinois... recorded three tackles (one solo, two assists) and one pass break-up in 13-10 win at Nebraska... started at defensive tackle in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 6/12/2000... interdepartmental studies major... earned high Honor Roll status as a prep... parents are Susan and Mitch Lee... only married player on the team... wife's name is Tori... high school coach was Chip Filler.

Career Bests

Tackles:	10 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Solos:	5 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Assists:	6, twice, last at Illinois, 10/8/22
Tackle for Loss:	2.5 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
QB Sacks:	2 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Blocked FG:	1, twice, last at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Recovered Fumble:	1, twice, lasts vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
QB Pressure:	2 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Pass Break-Up:	1, six times, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	DNP
N'western	DNP
Mich. State	0-0
at Minn.	1-0
at Penn St.	DNP
Nebraska	DNP
at Illinois	DNP
Wisconsin	DNP
Totals	**1-0**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-3
at IA State	1-0
Kent State	1-2
Colo. State	2-3
at Maryland	0-1
Penn State	3-4
Purdue	0-4
at Wisconsin	3-1
at N'western	0-1
Minnesota	2-3
Illinois	2-2
at Nebraska	0-2
Michigan (n)	2-1
Kentucky (n)	1-4
Totals	**16-27**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	2-4
IA State	2-6
Nevada	0-1
at Rutgers	0-1
Michigan	1-2
at Illinois	2-6
at Ohio State	2-0
N'western	1-1
at Purdue	1-0
Wisconsin	2-2
at Minnesota	2-3
Nebraska	2-5
Kentucky (n)	4-2
Totals	**21-33**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	1-3
at Iowa State	0-4
W. Michigan	2-0
at Penn State	1-5
Michigan St.	1-1
Purdue	5-5
at Wisconsin	0-2
Minnesota	2-2
at N'western	1-3
Rutgers	1-4
Illinois	1-2
at Nebraska	1-2
Michigan (n)	2-1
Totals	**16-33**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	QBH	PBU	Blk	RF
2020	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2021	17	31	48	5/24	3/21	1	1	1	1
2022	21	33	54	8/34	3/22	3	3	0	1
2023	18	34	49	5.5/31	3/26	1	3	1	0
Career	**57**	**98**	**149**	**18.5/89**	**9/69**	**5**	**7**	**2**	**2**

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48 - - Max Llewellyn (lou-WELL-un)

Defensive Line
6-5, 264, Sophomore
Urbandale, Iowa (Urbandale HS)

2023 - - Matched career-high two solo tackles in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... matched a career-high two tackles (one solo, one assist) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... matched a career-high two tackles (one solo, one assist), including a career-high 1.0 QB sack for six yards, in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had one QB sack for 16 yards in 26-0 loss to Michigan... recorded 0.5 QB sacks for one yard in 20-14 win over Purdue... recorded one pass break-up and one QB pressure in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 8/16/2002... business major... academic all-state... parents are Amy Kintzie and Shawn Llewellyn... brother, Luke, is a member of the Iowa baseball program... high school coach was Sam Anderson.

Career Bests

Tackles: 2, four times, last vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Solos: 2 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Assists: 1, four times, last vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Tackle for Loss: 1.0, twice, last vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
QB Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
QB Pressure: 1, twice, last vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Pass Break-Up: 1 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
SD State	DNP	Utah State	0-0
IA State	DNP	at Iowa State	0-0
Nevada	1-1	W. Michigan	2-0
at Rutgers	0-0	at Penn State	1-1
Michigan	DNP	Michigan St.	0-0
at Illinois	DNP	Purdue	0-1
at Ohio State	DNP	at Wisconsin	0-0
N'western	0-1	Minnesota	1-1
at Purdue	DNP	at N'western	0-0
Wisconsin	DNP	Rutgers	0-0
at Minnesota	DNP	Illinois	0-0
Nebraska	DNP	at Nebraska	0-0
Kentucky (n)	DNP	Michigan (n)	1-0
Totals	**1-2**	**Totals**	**5-3**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2022	1	2	3	0.5/1	0/0	0-0	1	0	0	0
2023	5	3	8	2.5/23	2.5/23	0-0	1	1	0	0
Career	**6**	**5**	**11**	**3.0/24**	**2.5/23**	**0-0**	**2**	**1**	**0**	**0**

12 - - **Cade McNamara

Quarterback
6-1, 205, Senior
Reno, Nev. (Damonte Ranch HS/Michigan)

Hawk Item - - One of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... joined program in spring, 2022, as graduate transfer from Michigan with two years of eligibility remaining.

2023 Honors - - Named to Maxwell and Johnny Unitas Awards preseason Watch Lists... **2023 - -** Completed 46-of-90 passes for 505 yards, four touchdowns, and three interceptions, with a long reception of 36 yards before sustaining season-ending injury in fifth game of the season... started at quarterback in first five games... completed 17-of-30 passes for 191 yards and two touchdowns in his first appearance as a Hawkeye in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State.... his 36-yard touchdown pass on his first career attempt as a Hawkeye made him the first Iowa quarterback since Chuck Long in 1983 to have a touchdown pass on his first completion of the season (24 yards to Norm Granger against Iowa State)... completed 12-of-22 passes for 123 yards, with one interception and a long reception of 35 yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State... completed nine-of-19 passes for 103 yards and a season-high two touchdowns, with two interceptions and a long of 34 yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... completed five-of-14 passes for 42 yards and a long of 20 in 31-0 loss at Penn State... completed three-of-five passes for 46 yards and long of 23 yards before leaving game in the first quarter due to a lower leg injury in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State.

Personal - - Born 5/28/2000... earned bachelor's degree in American Culture and will pursue post-graduate degree... parents are Nicole and Gary McNamara... father, Gary, was an outfielder at Fresno State and was an assistant baseball coach at Nevada... high school coach was Shawn Dupris.

Career Bests

Passing

Attempts: 44 at Michigan State, 10/30/21
Completions: 28 at Michigan State, 10/30/21
Yards: 383 at Michigan State, 10/30/21
Touchdowns: 4 at Rutgers, 11/21/20
Long: 93 at Michigan State, 10/30/21

Rushing

Attempts: 4, twice, last at Penn State, 9/23/23
Yards: 8 at Maryland, 11/20/21
Touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs. Northern Illinois 9/18/21
Long: 9, twice, last vs. Ohio State, 11/27/21

2023 Game-By-Game Stats

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	17-30-0	191	2	36
at Iowa State	12-22-1	123	0	35
W. Michigan	9-19-2	103	2	34
at Penn State	5-14-0	42	0	20
Michigan St.	3-5-0	46	0	23
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	INJ			
Minnesota	INJ			
at N'western	INJ			
Rutgers	INJ			
Illinois	INJ			
at Nebraska	INJ			
Michigan (n)	INJ			
Totals	**46-90-3**	**505**	**4**	**36**

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Rushing	Att	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	2	(-9)	0	1
at Iowa State	1	(-3)	0	(-3)
W. Michigan	5	(-33)	0	8
at Penn State	4	0	0	18
Michigan St.	1	0	0	0
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	INJ			
Minnesota	INJ			
at N'western	INJ			
Rutgers	INJ			
Illinois	INJ			
at Nebraska	INJ			
Michigan (n)	INJ			
Totals	**13**	**(-45)**	**0**	**18**

Career Statistics

Passing	C-A-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng
2019	0-0-0	.000	0	0	0
2020	43-71-0	.606	425	5	46
2021	210-327-6	.642	2,576	15	93
2022	14-25-1	.560	180	1	61
2023	46-90-3	.511	505	4	36
Career	**313-513-10**	**.610**	**3,686**	**25**	**93**

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2019	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	5	7	1.4	1	3
2021	37	26	0.7	1	20
2022	4	-30	0.0	0	0
2023	12	(-45)	(-3.8)	0	0
Career	**58**	**(-42)**	**(-0.7)**	**2**	**20**

92 - - Marshall Meeder

Kicker
5-11, 185, Senior
Eaton Rapids, Mich.
(Eaton Rapids HS/Central Michigan)

Hawk Item - - Competed in 29 career games at Central Michigan… converted 30-of-45 field-goal attempts with a long of 53 yards… converted 88 PATs… averaged 6.1 points per game.

2023 - - Connected on a game-winning 38-yard field goal in his first career attempt as a Hawkeye as time expired to give Iowa a 13-10 win at Nebraska.

Career Bests

PAT: 6, 3X, last vs. Kent State (11/10/21)
PAT Att: 7 vs. Kent State (11/10/21)
Field Goals: 4 vs. Toledo, 10/16/21
Field Goal Attempts: 5 vs. Washington State, 12/31/21
Long: 53 vs. Toledo, 12/12/20

Career Statistics

Scoring	FGs	Lng	PATs	Points
2020	8-8	53	16-17	40
2021	17-26	52	49-51	100
2022	5-11	52	23-25	38
2023	1-1	38	0-0	3
Career	**31-46**	**53**	**88-93**	**181**

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Blk
2020	0-0	4-4	0-0	2-2	2-2	8-8	0
2021	0-0	0-2	7-9	7-11	3-4	17-26	1
2022	0-0	1-1	0-2	3-4	1-4	5-11	0
2023	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0
Career	**0-0**	**5-7**	**8-12**	**12-17**	**6-10**	**31-46**	**1**

36 - - Jayden Montgomery

Linebacker
5-10, 225, Redshirt Freshman
Suamico, Wis. (Bay Port HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Dean's Lisst student (2023 fall)... Coaches Appreciation Award, special team... **2023 - -** Played in 11 games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 2/26/2004... sport and recreation management major... member of High Honor Roll four straight years... National Honor Society... parents are Natalie and Jerry Montgomery... mother Natalie played volleyball at Iowa... father Jerry played football at Iowa and currently is a member of the Green Bay Packers coaching staff... high school coach was Gary Westerman.

28 - - Kamari Moulton

Running Back
5-9, 185, Freshman
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons HS)

2023 - - Rushed eight times for 50 yards and two touchdowns, with a long rush of 18 yards, in first career action, helping team to 41-10 win over Western Michigan... first Hawkeye to score two or more touchdowns in his collegiate debut since Jewell Hampton in 2008... rushed a team-high six times for 18 yards in 31-0 loss at Penn State... rushed a career-high nine times for 25 yards in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State.

Personal - - Born 4/1/2005... business major... named to AB Honor Roll... parents are Latavia and Kirk Moulton... high school coach was Matthew Duboc.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 9 vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Yards: 50 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Touchdown: 2 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long: 18 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

Game-By-Game Rushing Stats

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	DNP			
at Iowa State	DNP			
W. Michigan	8	50	2	18
at Penn State	6	18	0	7
Michigan St.	9	25	0	7
Purdue	DNP			
at Wisconsin	DNP			
Minnesota	DNP			
at N'western	DNP			
Rutgers	DNP			
Illinois	DNP			
at Nebraska	DNP			
Michigan (n)	DNP			
Totals	**23**	**93**	**2**	**18**

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Career Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	23	93	4.0	2	18

7 - - John Nestor

Defensive Back
5-11, 196, Freshman
Chicago, Ill. (Marist HS)

2023 Honors - - Team Hustle Award, special teams... **2023 - -** Recorded first career solo tackle in 15-13 win over Illinois... played in nine games.

Personal - - Born 5/13/2005... sports kinesiology major... parents are Rachele and John Nestor... high school coach was Ron Dawczak.

Career Bests

Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Solos: 1 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	0-0
at Iowa State	0-0
W. Michigan	0-0
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	0-0
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
Minnesota	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	1-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**1-0**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	FF	RF
2023	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0

1 - - *Xavier Nwankpa ^ (WAUM-puh)

Defensive Back
6-2, 210, Sophomore
Pleasant Hill, Iowa (Southeast Polk HS)

Hawk Item - - One of eight true freshmen to see action in 2022... enrolled for 2022 spring semester and will participate in spring practice.

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Dean's LIst student (2023 fall)... **2023 - -** Has 41 tackles (26 solo, 15 assists), including two tackles for a loss of one yard and one QB sack, two pass break-ups, one QB pressure, and one interception on the season... matched a career-high eight tackles (seven solo, one assist), including one tackle for a loss of one yard, and one pass break-up in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... recorded six tackles (four solo, two assists) in 20-14 win vs. Purdue... had five tackles, two solo, three assists) in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... collected five tackles (four solo, one assist) in 31-0 loss at Penn State... had five tackles (three solo, two assists), including one QB sack, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... had three tackles (one solo, two assists) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had two tackles (one solo, one assist) and one interception in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... recorded two solo tackles and one QB pressure in 13-10 win at Nebraska... started at strong safety in 11 games, playing in all 13.

Personal - - Born 12/8/2003... sports management major... earned academic recognition all four years as a prep... parents are Amy Erickson and Frank Nwankpa... high school coach was Brad Zelenovich.

Career Bests

Tackles: 8, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Solos: 7, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Assists: 3 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Tackles for Loss: 1, twice, at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Interception: 1, twice, last vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Touchdown: 1 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Long: 52 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Pass Break-ups: 1, twice, last at Iowa State, 9/9/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-0	Utah State	1-2
IA State	1-0	at Iowa State	0-0
Nevada	0-0	W. Michigan	0-2
at Rutgers	0-0	at Penn State	4-1
Michigan	1-0	Michigan St.	7-1
at Illlinois	1-0	Purdue	6-2
at Ohio State	0-0	at Wisconsin	2-3
N'western	1-0	Minnesota	1-2
at Purdue	0-0	at N'western	3-2
Wisconsin	0-0	Rutgers	0-1
at Minnesota	0-0	Illinois	1-0
Nebraska	0-0	at Nebraska	2-0
Kentucky (n)	7-1	Michigan (n)	1-0
Totals	**11-1**	**Totals**	**26-15**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds-TD	PBU	FF	RF
2022	11	1	12	0/0	0/0	1-52-1	1	0	0
2023	26	15	41	2/1	1/0	1-0-0	2	0	0
Career	**37**	**16**	**53**	**2/1**	**1/0**	**12-52-1**	**3**	**0**	**0**

48 - - Zach Ortwerth

Tight End
6-3, 220, Freshman
St. Louis, Mo. (University HS)

2023 - - Recorded first career reception for 54 yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers... saw action in six games with one start at tight end.

Personal - - Born 4/12/2005... engineering major... academic all-star as junior and senior... earned academic first honors and second honors throughout prep career... parents are Joyce and Craig Ortwerth... high school coaches were Mike Jones and Adam Cruz.

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 1 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards: 54 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Long: 54 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

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Game-By-Game Receiving Stats

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	DNP			
at IA State	DNP			
W. Michigan	DNP			
at Penn State	DNP			
Michigan St.	DNP			
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	DNP			
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	54	0	54
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**54**	**0**	**54**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	1	54	54.0	0	54

87 - - *Addison Ostrenga ^

(oh-STRAIN-Guh)
Tight End
6-4, 255, Sophomore
Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Dean's List student (2023 fall)... Team Hustle Award, offense; Next Man in Award, offense... **2023 - -** Leads the team with 29 catches for 178 yards (6.1 yards per catch avg. and 16.2 yards per game avg.) and two touchdowns on the season... caught a career-high and team-leading eight passes (eight targets) for 47 yards, including a long reception of 13 yards, in 22-0 win over Rutgers... caught a team-leading seven passes for 50 yards (long of 19 yards) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... caught five passes for 46 yards and his second career touchdown in 15-13 win over Illinois... caught a team-leading three passes for 15 yards and his first career touchdown in 10-7 win at Northwestern... caught three passes for 12 yards in 13-10 win at Nebraska... played in 11 games, starting at tight end in five games.

Personal - - Born 11/22/2003... criminology, law, and justice major... member of National Honor Society... Honor Roll for three years... academic all-state... parents are Jenny and Jason Ostrenga... high school coach was Brian Kaminski.

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 8 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards: 47 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Long: 13 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
TD: 1, twice, last vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

Game-By-Game Stats

Receiving

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	0
IA State	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
at Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0
N'western	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	1	6	0	6
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**6**	**0**	**6**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	2	19	0	10
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	INJ			
Minnesota	1	11	0	11
at N'western	3	15	1	7
Rutgers	8	47	0	13
Illinois	5	24	1	9
at Nebraska	3	12	0	5
Michigan (n)	7	50	0	19
Totals	**30**	**184**	**2**	**13**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	1	6	6.0	0	6
2023	29	178	6.1	2	13
Career	**30**	**184**	**6.1**	**2**	**13**

Daijon Parker (DAY-zjaun)

Offensive Line
6-5, 315, Senior
Inkster, Mich. (Westland John Glenn HS/ Saginaw Valley State)

Hawk Item - - Graduate transfer from Saginaw Valley State who joined program in spring, 2023.

2023 - - Saw action on the offensive line in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State and in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... paved the way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 over Western Michigan, which is the most since 2019.

Personal - - Born 4/24/1999... criminal justice major... three-year member of Dean's List... parents are Angela Reynolds and Donnell Parker... high school coaches were Steve Waller and Rod Watts.

82 - - Johnny Pascuzzi

(pa-SKEW-zee)
Tight End
6-4, 242, Sophomore
Olathe, Kan. (Rockhurst HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Recorded first career reception for one yard in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... played in eight games, starting at tight end twice.

Personal - - Born 5/17/2002... enterprise leadership major... academic honors... parents are Kelly and Robert Pascuzzi... high school coach was Kelly Donohoe.

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Yards: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Long: 1 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23

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Game-By-Game Stats

Receiving

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	0
IA State	DNP			
Nevada	DNP			
at Rutgers	DNP			
Michigan	DNP			
at Illinois	DNP			
at Ohio St.	DNP			
N'western	DNP			
at Purdue	DNP			
Wisconsin	DNP			
at Minn.	DNP			
Nebraska	DNP			
Kentucky (n)	DNP			
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	DNP			
at IA State	DNP			
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	DNP			
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	1	1	0	1
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	0	0	0.0	0	0
2023	1	1	1.0	0	1
Career	**1**	**1**	**1.0**	**0**	**1**

9 - - Jaziun Patterson (JAZZ-ee-un)

Running Back
5-10, 204, Redshirt Freshman
Pompano, Beach, Fla. (Deerfield Beach HS)

2023 - - Rushed 56 times for 199 yards (3.5 yards per carry avg. and 19.9 yards per game avg.) and two touchdowns, with a long rush of 59 yards on the season... rushed a team-high 10 times for a 86 yards and his first career touchdown, including a career-high long of 59 yards, in 20-13 win at Iowa State... the 59-yard run was on third-and-one on Iowa's opening possession, and it is Iowa's second-longest rush dating back to the 2022 season... it was the longest run by any player in the battle for the Cy-Hawk Trophy game since fellow Hawkeye Adam Robinson's 75-yard run in 2010... rushed a career-high 14 times for 53 yards and one touchdown, and caught one pass for two yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers... rushed eight times for 21 yards, with a long of five yards, in 10-7 win at Northwestern... rushed six times for 20 yards, with a long of six yards in his first career start, helping team to a 41-10 win over Western Michigan... caught two passes for 19 yards (long of 18) and rushed five time for -2 yards (long of six) in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... played in 10 games.

Personal - - Born 12/10/2003 in Boca Raton, Fla.... business major... parents are Eddie Hill and Acey Patterson... high school coach was David Blackwell.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 14 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards: 86 at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Long: 59 at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Touchdowns: 1, twice, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 1, twice, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards: 2 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Long: 2 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

2022 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	DNP			
IA State	DNP			
Nevada	6	20	0	6
at Rutgers	DNP			
Michigan	DNP			
at Illinois	DNP			
at Ohio St.	DNP			
N'western	DNP			
at Purdue	4	4	0	1
Wisconsin	DNP			
at Minn.	DNP			
Nebraska	DNP			
Kentucky (n)	4	23	0	17
Totals	**14**	**47**	**0**	**17**

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	DNP			
IA State	DNP			
Nevada	0	0	0	- - -
at Rutgers	DNP			
Michigan	DNP			
at Illinois	DNP			
at Ohio St.	DNP			
N'western	DNP			
at Purdue	0	0	0	- - -
Wisconsin	DNP			
at Minnesota	DNP			
Nebraska	DNP			
Kentucky (n)	1	1	0	1
Totals	**1**	**1**	**0**	**1**

2023 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	5	(-2)	0	6
at IA State	10	86	1	59
W. Michigan	6	20	0	6
at Penn State	INJ			
Michigan St.	INJ			
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	3	2	0	2
at N'western	8	21	0	5
Rutgers	14	5	1	0
Illinois	4	11	0	4
at Nebraska	5	6	0	3
Michigan (n)	1	2	0	2
Totals	**56**	**199**	**2**	**59**

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	2	19	0	18
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	INJ			
Michigan St.	INJ			
Purdue	INJ			
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	2	0	2
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	1	1	0	1
Totals	**4**	**22**	**0**	**18**

Career Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	14	47	3.4	0	17
2023	56	199	3.6	2	59
Career	**70**	**246**	**3.5**	**2**	**59**

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	1	1	1.0	0	1
2023	4	22	7.0	0	18
Career	**5**	**23**	**4.6**	**0**	**18**

58 - - Kade Pieper (PEEP-ur)

Offensive Line
6-3, 255, Freshman
Norfolk, Neb. (Catholic HS)

2023 - - Saw first career action in 22-0 win over Rutgers.

Personal - - Born 2/18/2005... finance major... parents are Carrie and Dennis Pieper... high school coach was Jeff Bellar.

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55 - - Jeremiah Pittman

Defensive Line
6-3, 290, Sophomore
Palatine, Ill. (St. Viator HS)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Recorded one solo tackle and first career fumble recovery in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... had one solo tackle in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State and in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State, and one assisted tackle in 20-13 win at Iowa State, in 31-0 loss at Penn State, and in 10-7 win at Northwestern... played in nine games.

Personal - - Born 1/2/2003... finance major... academic all-state... named to high Honor Roll four straight years... member of National Honor Society... parents are Lena and James Pittman... high school coach was David Archibald.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____2 vs. Nevada, 9/17/22
Solos:_____2 vs. Nevada, 9/17/22
Assists:_____1, twice, last at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Tackle for Loss: _____1 vs. Nevada, 9/17/22
Recovered Fumble:____1 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022 ___ Solo-Ast		2023 ___ Solo-Ast	
SD State	DNP	Utah State	1-0
IA State	DNP	at Iowa State	0-1
Nevada	2-0	W. Michigan	1-0
at Rutgers	DNP	at Penn State	0-1
Michigan	DNP	Michigan St.	1-0
at Illinois	DNP	Purdue	DNP
at Ohio State	1-0	at Wisconsin	0-0
N'western	0-1	Minnesota	0-0
at Purdue	DNP	at N'western	0-1
Wisconsin	DNP	Rutgers	0-0
at Minnesota	DNP	Illinois	DNP
Nebraska	DNP	at Nebraska	DNP
Kentucky (n)	DNP	Michigan (n)	DNP
Totals	**3-1**	**Totals**	**3-2**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2022	3	1	4	1//1	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2023	3	3	6	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Career	**6**	**5**	**11**	**1/1**	**0/0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

35 - - Tanner Pollock

Linebacker
6-1, 215, Junior
Waterloo, Iowa (West HS/Drake University)

Hawk Item - - Transfer from Drake University for fall, 2023.

2023 - - Played in two games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Son of Paula Regenold and John and Katie Pollock . . . has two sisters, Amanda and Tayah, and one brother, Austin . . . pursuing a master's degree in sport & recreation management.

89 - - ****Nico Ragaini

(rag-uh-EE-knee)
Wide Receiver
6-0, 190, Senior
East Haven, Conn.
(Notre Dame HS/Avon Old Farms Prep)

Hawk Item - - Career totals include 154 receptions for 1,606 yards... the 154 receptions rank fifth and the 1,606 yards rank 20th in program history.

2023 Honors - - Coaches Appreciation Award, offense... one of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Leads the team with 29 receptions for 252 yards (8.7 yards per catch avg., 19.4 yards per game avg.), with a long catch of 29 yards on the season... caught a season-high five passes for 46 yards (long of 13) in 15-13 win over Illinois... led team with four receptions for 28 yards (long of 11) in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... had four catches for 48 yards, with a long reception of 17 yards, in 22-0 win over Rutgers... caught three passes for 25 yards (long of 12) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... caught two passes for 36 yards (long of 29) in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... had two catches for 18 yards (long of 14) in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... caught two passes for 13 yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... had two receptions for 14 yards in 13-10 win at Nebraska... had two receptions for eight yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State... played in all 13 games, starting at wide receiver in five games.

Personal - - Born 1/26/1999... sport and recreation management major... National Honor Society... parents are Josanna and Gianni Ragaini... high school coach was Tom Marcucci... prep school coach was Bill Mella.

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: _____7, three times, last vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
Yards:_____66 vs. Northwestern, 10/29/22
Long: _____48 vs. Kent State, 9/18/21
Touchdowns: _____1, five times, last at Purdue, 11/5/22

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: _____1, six times, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards:_____12 vs. Northwestern, 10/29/22
Touchdowns: _____1 at Minnesota, 11/13/20
Long: _____12 vs. Northwestern, 10/29/22

Career Punt Return Bests

Attempts: _____4 at Michigan, 10/5/19
Yards:_____54 at Michigan, 10/5/19
Long: _____17 at Michigan, 10/5/19

Game-By-Game Receiving Stats

2018	No.	Yds	TD	Lng	2019	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
N. Ill.	0	0	0	- - -	Miami	1	45	0	45
IA State	DNP				Rutgers	3	21	0	12
N. Iowa	1	7	0	7	at IA State	5	43	0	18
Wisconsin	DNP				MTSU	2	39	0	35
at Minn.	DNP				at Mich	6	46	0	11
at Ind.	DNP				Penn State	7	55	0	18
Maryland	DNP				Purdue	6	31	0	13
at PSU	DNP				at N'western	1	4	0	4
at Purdue	DNP				at Wisconsin	6	32	1	10
N'western	DNP				Minnesota	2	30	1	21
at Illinois	0	0	0	- - -	Illinois	2	27	0	18
Nebraska	DNP				at Nebraska	3	12	0	10
Miss. St. (n)	DNP				USC (n)	2	54	0	30
Totals	**1**	**7**	**0**	**7**	**Totals**	**46**	**439**	**2**	**45**

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2020	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
at Purdue	4	61	0	28
N'western	3	16	0	11
Mich State.	3	32	0	28
at Minnesota	1	10	0	10
at Penn St.	4	46	0	26
Nebraska	2	24	0	16
at Illinois	0	0	0	---
Wisconsin	1	2	0	2
Totals	**18**	**191**	**0**	**28**

2021	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Indiana	2	21	0	11
at IA State	1	0	0	---
Kent State	4	54	0	48
Colo. State	2	38	0	34
at Maryland	2	19	0	10
Penn State	4	73	1	44
Purdue	2	29	0	16
at Wisconsin	3	35	0	23
at N'western	2	5	0	6
Minnesota	1	13	0	13
Illinois	2	20	0	12
at Nebraska	1	24	0	24
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	---
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	---
Totals	**26**	**331**	**1**	**48**

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	INJ			
IA State	INJ			
Nevada	2	56	0	46
at Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	4	55	0	28
at Illinois	7	44	0	15
at Ohio State	1	2	0	2
N'western	4	66	0	24
at Purdue	3	56	1	29
Wisconsin	3	15	0	8
at Minnesota	1	11	0	11
Nebraska	7	60	0	20
Kentucky (n)	2	21	0	19
Totals	**34**	**386**	**1**	**46**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	2	36	0	29
at IA State	2	8	0	8
W. Michigan	1	4	0	4
at Penn State	1	4	0	4
Michigan St.	2	18	0	14
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	2	13	0	7
Minnesota	4	28	0	11
at N'western	1	8	0	8
Rutgers	4	48	0	17
Illinois	5	46	0	13
at Nebraska	2	14	0	8
Michigan (n)	2	25	0	12
Totals	**29**	**252**	**0**	**29**

Game-By-Game Rushing & Punt Return Stats

Rushing

2019	Att	Yds	TD	Lng
Miami	1	2	0	2
Rutgers	0	0	0	---
at IA State	0	0	0	---
MTSU	0	0	0	---
at Mich	0	0	0	---
Penn State	0	0	0	---
Purdue	0	0	0	---
at N'western	0	0	0	---
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	---
Minnesota	0	0	0	---
Illinois	0	0	0	---
at Nebraska	0	0	0	---
Totals	**1**	**2**	**0**	**2**

Punt Return

2019	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Miami	2	16	0	11
Rutgers	2	11	0	16
at IA State	1	15	0	15
MTSU	0	0	0	---
at Mich	4	54	0	17
Penn State	0	0	0	---
Purdue	0	0	0	---
at N'western	0	0	0	---
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	---
Minnesota	0	0	0	---
Illinois	0	0	0	---
at Nebraska	0	0	0	---
Totals	**9**	**96**	**0**	**17**

Rushing

2020	Att	Yds	TD	Lng
at Purdue	0	0	0	---
N'western	0	0	0	---
Mich. State	0	0	0	---
at Minn.	1	1	1	1
at Penn St.	0	0	0	---
Nebraska	0	0	0	---
at Illinois	0	0	0	---
Wisconsin	0	0	0	---
Totals	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**

Punt Return

2020	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
at Purdue	0	0	0	---
N'western	0	0	0	---
Mich. State	0	0	0	---
at Minn.	0	0	0	---
at Penn St.	0	0	0	---
Nebraska	0	0	0	---
at Illinois	2	2	0	2
Wisconsin	0	0	0	---
Totals	**2**	**2**	**0**	**2**

Rushing

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	INJ			
IA State	INJ			
Nevada	0	0	0	---
at Rutgers	0	0	0	---
Michigan	0	0	0	---
at Illinois	0	0	0	---
at Ohio State	0	0	0	---
N'western	1	12	0	12
at Purdue	0	0	0	---
Wisconsin	0	0	0	---
at Minnesota	0	0	0	---
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Kentucky (n)	1	5	0	5
Totals	**2**	**17**	**0**	**12**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	1	(-5)	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	(-4)	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)				
Totals	**2**	**(-9)**	**0**	**0**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2018	1	7	7.0	0	7
2019	46	439	9.5	1	45
2020	18	191	10.6	2	28
2021	26	331	12.7	1	48
2022	34	386	11.4	1	46
2023	29	252	8.7	0	29
Career	**154**	**1,606**	**10.4**	**5**	**48**

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2018	0	0	---	0	---
2019	1	2	2.0	0	2
2020	1	1	1.0	1	1
2021	0	0	---	0	---
2022	2	17	8.5	0	12
2023	2	(-9)	0.0	0	0
Career	**6**	**11**	**1.8**	**1**	**12**

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2018	0	0	---	0	---
2019	9	96	10.7	0	17
2020	2	2	1.0	0	2
2021	0	0	---	0	---
2022	0	0	---	0	---
2023	0	0	---	0	---
Career	**11**	**98**	**8.9**	**0**	**17**

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12 - - *Jaxon Rexroth

Linebacker
6-2, 228, Sophomore
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier HS)

2023 Honors - - CSC Academic All-District... Academic All-Big Ten... Coaches Appreciation Award, special teams... **2023 - -** Recorded one solo tackle and forced his first career fumble in 13-10 win at Nebraska... recorded one assisted tackle in 31-0 loss at Penn State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 12/25/2002 in Huntington, W.V.... human physiology major... earned academic all-district honors... five-time recipient of Distinguished Honors while ranking in Top 10 in class academically... parents are Teri and Jason Rexroth... high school coach was Duane Schulte.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____1, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Solo: _____1 at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Assists:_____1 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Forced Fumble:_____1 at Nebraska, 11/24/23

Game-by-Game Defensive Stats

2022	Solo-Ast	2023	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-0	Utah State	0-0
IA State	0-0	at Iowa State	0-0
Nevada	0-0	W. Michigan	0-0
at Rutgers	0-0	at Penn State	0-1
Michigan	0-0	Michigan St.	0-0
at Illinois	DNP	Purdue	0-0
at Ohio State	DNP	at Wisconsin	0-0
N'western	0-0	Minnesota	0-0
at Purdue	0-0	at N'western	0-0
Wisconsin	0-1	Rutgers	0-0
at Minnesota	0-0	Illinois	0-0
Nebraska	0-0	at Nebraska	1-0
Kentucky (n)	DNP	Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**0-1**	**Totals**	**1-1**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	QBH	PBU	FF	RF
2022	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0
2023	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0	1	0
Career	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0/0**	**0/0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**

78 - - **Mason Richman

Offensive Line
6-6, 312, Junior
Leawood, Kan. (Blue Valley HS)

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big ten by league coaches and media... Phil Steele fourth-team All-Big Ten... preseason third-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports... preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... CSC Academic All-District...Academic All-Big Ten... Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, offense... one of six juniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Started at left tackle in all 13 games... paved way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which is the most since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards in 20-14 win over Purdue and 179 rushing yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers... helped team to 200 rushing yards in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, which is the program's most vs. the Badgers since 2008.

Personal - - Born 5/7/2002... sport and recreation management major... three-time member of prep Honor Roll... parents are Kathryn Richman Wallace and John Richman... high school coach was Allen Terrell.

30 - - **Quinn Schulte

Defensive Back
6-1, 209, Senior
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier HS)

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big ten by league coaches and media... preseason second-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... preseason fourth-team All-Big Ten by Phil Steele... CSC Academic All-District... Academic All-Big Ten... Brett Greenwood Award and Team Hustle Award, defense.... one of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** His 60 tackles (35 solo, 25 assists), including 2.5 tackles for a loss of nine yards, ranks fourth on the team this season... also has one interception for 39 yards, and four pass break-ups on the season... collected a season-high eight tackles (seven solo, one assist), including a tackle for a loss of eight yards, in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... matched a season-high eight tackles (four solo, four assists) in 20-14 win over Purdue... had six tackles (two solo, four assists), including his first career tackle for a loss of one yard, in 20-13 win at Iowa State... recorded six tackles (five solo, one assist) in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... had six tackles (one solo, five assists), including 0.5 tackles for loss, and one pass break-up... collected five tackles (four solo, one assist) and one pass break-up in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... recorded five solo tackles in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... recorded five tackles (two solo, three assists) and one pass break-up in 15-13 win over Illinois... had one assisted tackle and his third career interception (first of the season) for 39 yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers... started at free safety in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 10/18/2000... pre-medicine major... member of National Honor Society... earned academic all-state honors in football and basketball... parents are Sherry and Duane Schulte... attended same high school as DL Ethan Hurkett... brother of former Hawkeye Bryce Schulte... high school coach was his father, Duane Schulte.

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Career Bests

Tackles: _____9, twice, last at Illinois, 10/8/22
Solos:_____7, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Assists:_____6 at Illinois, 10/8/22
Tackle for Loss: _____1.0, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Pass Break-Ups: _____4 vs. South Dakota State, 9/3/22
Interceptions: _____1, three times, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
QB Pressures: _____1 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22

Game-By-Game Defensive Stats

2020	Solo-Ast
at Purdue	DNP
N'western	DNP
Mich. State	0-0
at Minnesota	2-0
at Penn St.	DNP
Nebraska	DNP
at Illinois	1-0
Wisconsin	DNP
Totals	**3-0**

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	0-0
at IA State	DNP
Kent State	0-0
Colo. State	DNP
at Maryland	1-0
Penn State	0-0
Purdue	0-0
at Wisconsin	0-0
at N'western	0-0
Minnesota	0-0
Illinois	1-0
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Kentucky (n)	0-0
Totals	**2-0**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	1-0
IA State	7-2
Nevada	4-2
at Rutgers	6-1
Michigan	1-1
at Illinois	3-6
at Ohio State	3-5
N'western	1-1
at Purdue	5-1
Wisconsin	5-1
at Minnesota	4-3
Nebraska	3-3
Kentucky (n)	1-1
Totals	**43-28**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	4-1
at Iowa State	2-4
W. Michigan	5-1
at Penn State	1-1
Michigan St.	7-1
Purdue	4-4
at Wisconsin	5-0
Minnesota	1-5
at N'western	1-3
Rutgers	0-1
Illinois	2-3
at Nebraska	2-1
Michigan (n)	1-0
Totals	**35-25**

Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FF	RF
2020	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	1-42	0	0	0	0
2022	43	28	71	.5/1	0/0	1-0	6	1	0	0
2023	35	25	60	2.5/9	0/0	1-39	4	0	0	0
Career	**83**	**53**	**136**	**3.0/10**	**0/0**	**3-81**	**10**	**1**	**0**	**0**

43 - - *Karson Sharar (SHIRE)

Linebacker
6-2, 235, Sophomore
Iowa Falls, Iowa (Iowa Falls-Alden HS)

2023 - - Recorded career-high two solo tackles in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... matched a career-high two solo tackles in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... recorded one solo tackle and recovered his first career fumble in 13-10 win at Nebraska... had first career solo tackle and returned one kickoff for three yards in 20-14 win over Purdue... had one assisted tackle for a loss of one yard in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... had one assisted tackle in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 3/7/2003... business major... parents are Kim and Lincoln Sharar... high school coach was Don Anderson.

Career Bests

Tackles: _____2, twice, last vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Solo: _____2, twice, last vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Assists:_____1, 3x, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Tackle for Loss: _____0.5 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Fumble Recovered:____1 at Nebraska, 11/24/23

Game-By-Game Defensive Stats

2021	Solo-Ast
Indiana	DNP
at IA State	DNP
Kent State	DNP
Colo. State	DNP
at Maryland	0-0
Penn State	0-0
Purdue	DNP
at Wisconsin	DNP
at N'western	DNP
Minnesota	DNP
Illinois	DNP
at Nebraska	0-0
Michigan (n)	DNP
Kentucky (n)	0-0
Totals	**0-0**

2022	Solo-Ast
SD State	0-1
IA State	0-0
Nevada	0-0
at Rutgers	0-0
Michigan	0-0
at Illinois	0-0
at Ohio State	0-0
N'western	INJ
at Purdue	INJ
Wisconsin	INJ
at Minnesota	INJ
Nebraska	INJ
Kentucky (n)	INJ
Totals	**0-1**

2023	Solo-Ast
Utah State	0-0
at Iowa State	0-0
W. Michigan	0-1
at Penn State	0-0
Michigan St.	0-1
Purdue	1-0
at Wisconsin	2-0
Minnesota	2-0
at N'western	0-0
Rutgers	0-0
Illinois	0-0
at Nebraska	1-0
Michigan (n)	0-0
Totals	**6-2**

Game-By-Game Kickoff Return Stats

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	1	3	0	3
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**1**	**3**	**0**	**3**

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Career Statistics

Defense	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	Sacks	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH	FF	RF
2021	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2023	6	2	8	0.5/1	0/0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Career	**6**	**3**	**9**	**0.5/1**	**0/0**	**0-0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0
2023	1	3	3.0	0	3
Totals	**1**	**3**	**3.0**	**0**	**3**

70 - - *Beau Stephens

Offensive Line
6-6, 319, Sophomore
Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs HS)

2023 - - Played on offensive line in five games... paved way for 254 rushing yards in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, which is the most since 2019... helped team tally 181 rushing yards in 20-14 win over Purdue.

Personal - - Born 11/1/2002... exercise science major... parents are Valerie and Justin Stephens... high school coaches were David White and Kelly Donohoe.

18 - - *Drew Stevens ^

Kicker
6-0, 199, Sophomore
North Augusta, S.C. (North Augusta HS)

Hawk Item - - Scored 145 career points, which ranks 22nd in school history... is 34-of-44 in field goals and 43-of-44 in PAT conversions... set Iowa freshman record with 16 made field goals... made field goal of 54 yards vs. Northwestern ties as seventh longest in program history.

2023 Honors - - Lou Groza Award semifinalist for the second consecutive season... third team All-Big Ten by league coaches honorable mention All-Big Ten by league media... Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (11/5) for his game-winning 53-yard field goal at Northwestern... preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports and Phil Steele... named to Lou Groza Award preseason Watch List... **2023 - -** Leads team in scoring with 73 points... that point total ranks sixth in the Big Ten in kick scoring... is 18-of-26 in field goals with a long of 53 yards, and 19-of-20 in PAT conversions, and 40-of-53 in kickoff touchbacks on the season... his 18 made field goals ranks second in the Big Ten... matched a career-high, going 4-for-4 in field goal attempts (40, 53, 36, 34) with a season-long 53 yards and was a perfect 2-for-2 in PAT attempts in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... averaged 64.3 yards on seven kickoffs, recording five touchbacks vs. Michigan State... was 3-for-4 in field goals (47 yards-missed, 32 yards, 43 yards and 24 yards-made) and 1-for-1 in PAT coversions in 22-0 win over Rutgers... averaged 64.7 yards on six kickoffs with five touchbacks vs. Rutgers... went 1-for-2 in field goals (53 yards-missed) with a season-long 53-yard game-winning field goal with 14 seconds left in the game in 10-7 win at Northwestern... averaged 63.0 yards on three kickoffs with two touchbacks at Northwestern... was 2-for-2 in field goals (48, 40 - both in the fourth quarter) and 1-for-1 in PAT attempts in 16-5 win at Wisconsin... averaged 60.8 yards on four kickoffs at Wisconsin... was 2-for-4 in field goals (27, 23) and 2-for-2 in PAT conversions in 20-14 win over Purdue... had five kickoffs for 325 yards (65.0 yard avg.) and five touchbacks vs. Purdue... made his only field goal attempt (20 yards) and went 3-for-3 in PAT conversions in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... averaged 65.0 yards on five kickoffs, recording five touchbacks vs. Utah State... went 2-for-2 in field goals (28 and 34 yards) and 2-for-2 in PAT conversions in 20-13 win at Iowa State... posted five kickoffs for 325 yards (65.0 yard avg.), recording five touchbacks vs. Iowa State... made his only field goal attempt (23 yards), went 1-for-1, and recorded three kickoffs for 171 yards (57.0 yard avg.) in 12-10 lost vs. Minnesota... went 1-for-2 in field goals (30 yards-made, 41 yards-missed) and was a career-high 4-for-4 in PAT conversions in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... kicked off seven times for 455 yards (65.0 yard avg.), recording seven touchbacks vs. Western Michigan... had one kickoff for 65 yards and one touchback in 31-0 loss at Penn State... kicked off three times for 413 yards (65.0 yard avg.), recording three touchbacks in 15-13 win over Illinois... handled all kickoff duties in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 12/9/2003... pre-business major... North Augusta HS Beta Club member and Leukemia Lymphoma Society Citizen Student of the Year... Honor Roll and Dean's List four straight years... parents are Michelle and Tim Stevens... high school coaches were Jim Bob Bryant and Craig Gilstrap.

Career Bests

PATs: 4 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
PAT Attempts: 4 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Field Goals: 4, twice, last vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Field Goal Attempts: 4, three times, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Long: 54 vs. Northwestern, 10/29/22

Career Statistics

Scoring	FGs	Lng	PATs	Points
2022	16-18	54	24-24	72
2023	18-26	53	19-20	73
Career	**34-44**	**54**	**43-44**	**145**

Kickoffs	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
2022	55	3,427	62.3	31	2
2023	52	3,317	63.8	39	2
Career	**107**	**6,744**	**63.0**	**70**	**4**

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Blk
2022	0-0	7-7	3-3	4-6	2-2	16-18	0
2023	0-0	7-8	5-6	4-8	2-4	18-26	3
Career	**0-0**	**14-15**	**8-9**	**8-14**	**4-6**	**34-44**	**3**

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86 - - Steven Stilianos

(stil-EE-ahn-os)
Tight End
6-5, 255, Senior
Hayes, Va. (Christchurch School/ Lafayette University)

Hawk Item - - Joined program in fall, 2022 as graduate transfer with two years of eligibility.

2023 Honors - - Coaches Appreciation Award, offense... **2023 - -** Caught two passes for 38 yards, including a long reception of 37 yards that set up Iowa's first touchdown drive, in 13-10 win at Nebraska... caught two passes for 29 yards, with a long of 21, for first Hawkeye statistics in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... caught three passes for 25 yards (long of 15 yards) in 26-16 win over Michigan State... played in 12 games with seven starts.

Personal - - Born 2/25/2000... need major... parents are Ruth and Scott Stilianos... member of National Honor Society... high school coach was Keith Bloom.

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 6 at William & Mary, 8/31/19
Yards: 64 vs. Lehigh, 4/10/21
Long: 37, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Touchdowns: 2 vs. Lehigh, 4/10/21

Game-By-Game Receiving Stats at Iowa

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
at Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	DNP			
at Ohio St.	DNP			
N'western	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	DNP			
at Minn.	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	DNP			
Kentucky (n)	DNP			
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	2	29	0	21
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	3	25	0	15
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	INJ			
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	2	38	0	37
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**7**	**92**	**0**	**37**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2018	14	102	7.3	1	19
2019	21	177	8.4	0	37
2021 (Spring)	9	125	13.9	4	34
2021 (Fall)	21	130	6.2	0	17
2022	0	0	0.0	0	0
2023	7	92	13.1	0	37
Career	**72**	**626**	**8.7**	**5**	**37**

9 - - ***Tory Taylor ^

Punter
6-4, 232, Senior
Melbourne, Australia
(Haileybury College HS)

Hawk Item - - Has a 46.2 career yard avg. on 288 punts for 13,297 yards with 99 going 50+ yards... the punt total and yardage are both school records... posted a career-best single-game 52.3-yard average on seven punts (366 yards) at Penn State in 2023... averaged 45.4 yards on 82 punts in 2022, with 27 punts of 50 yards or more... set Iowa single season record for punting yards with 3,688 yards (80 punts, 46.1 average) in 2021, increased that record to 3,725 yards in 2022 (82 punts, 45.4 avg.), and smashed that record with 4,119 yards in 2023 (86 punts, 47.9 avg.)... 39 of 80 punts inside the 20 in 2021, 38 of 82 inside the 20 in 2022, and 30 of 86 inside the 20 in 2023... ranked third in the Big Ten and 20th nationally with punting average of 44.1 yards in 2020... 18 of 40 punts inside the 20 and nine inside the 10, with one touchback, 20 fair catches, and six returns for 31 yards in 2020.

2023 Honors - - Unanimous consensus All-American... first-team All-America by AFCA, FWAA, Phil Steele, Sports Illustrated, The Athletic, CBS (unanimous), Walter Camp, Associated Press, and Sporting News... second-team All-America by Pro Football Focus... Ray Guy Award recipient, given to the nation's top punter... midseason first-team All-American by the Associated Press, The Athletic, CBS, ESPN and FOX... Eddleman-Fields Big Ten Punter of the Year... first-team All-Big Ten by league coaches and media... Phil Steele first-team All-BigTen... preseason first-team All-America by Associated Press, Athlon Sports, Phil Steele, and Sporting News... named to Walter Camp and Ray Guy Award Awards preseason Watch Lists... preseason first-team All-Big Ten by Athlon Sports and Phil Steele... Ray Guy Award Punter of the Week for his play vs. Minnesota... named to Ray's 8 by the Ray Guy Award four times for his play vs. Utah State, Iowa State, Penn State, and Michigan State... three-time Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week for his play vs. Purdue and Illinois, and at Wisconsin... Permanent Team Captain, special teams; Hayden Fry "Extra Heartbeat" Award, special teams; Reggie Roby Special Teams Award, specialist... one of nine seniors named to 2023 Player Council... **2023 - -** Leads team in punting, logging 86 punts for a school-record 4,119 yards (47.9 per punt yard avg.) a long of 67 yards, 27 fair catches, 36 going 50+ yards, and landing 30 inside the 20-yard line... the 47.9 per punt yard avg. leads the Big Ten and ranks third in the nation... his 86 punts and his 4,119 total punting yards lead the nation... his 30 punts landed inside the 20 and his 36 punts of 50+ yards also lead the Big Ten... punted a career-high 10 times for 506 yards (50.6 yard per punt avg.) with long of 62, and landing six inside the 20-yard line in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... punted nine times for 444 yards (49.3 per punt yard avg.), a long of 57 yards, landing four inside the 20-yard line and recording one touchback, in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota... punted eight times for 413 yards (51.6 yard per punt avg.), with the longest punt of 59 yards, landing two inside the 20-yard line and recording two touchbacks... punted seven times for 353 yards (50.4 yard per punt avg.), with a season-long punt of 67 yards, landing one inside the 20-yard line and recording one touchback in 26-0 loss to Michigan... the 67-yard punt was the second-longest in Big Ten Championship game history, while his 353 yards rank second, his seven punts tied for third, and his 50.4 yard per punt avg ranks fourth all-time... punted seven times for 366 yards for a single-game career-high 52.3 average, landing four inside the 20-yard line and a long 62 yards in 31-0 loss at Penn State... recorded seven punts for 342 yards (48.9 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 60 yards and one punt downed inside the 20-yard-line in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... punted seven times for 297 yards (42.4 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 49 yards and two punts downed inside the 20-yard line in 13-10 win at Nebraska... punted six times for 292 yards (48.7 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 53 yards and three punts downed inside

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the 20-yard-line in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... punted six times for 278 yards (46.3 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 53 yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State... had six punts for 284 yards (47.3 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 61 yards and two punts downed inside the 20-yard line in 20-14 win over Purdue... also recorded first career tackle vs. Purdue... had six punts for 234 yards (39.0 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 46 yards, one touchback, and downed two punts inside the 20-yard line in 10-7 win at Northwestern... punted four times for 167 yards (41.8 per punt yard avg.) with a long of 55 yards, two punts downed inside the 20-yard line and one touchback in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... handled all punting duties and held for all field goal attempts in all 13 games.

Career - - Has experience in Australian football, but did not compete as a punter in high school.

Personal - - Born 7/10/1997... elementary education interest... parents are Tanya and Stuart.

Career Punting Bests

Punts: 10, twice, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Yards: 506 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Average: 51.8 (8-414) at Purdue, 11/5/22
Long: 70 at Purdue, 11/5/22

Career Passing Bests

Pass Attempt: 1 vs. Kent State, 9/18/21
Pass Completion: 1 vs. Kent State, 9/18/21
Pass Yards: 3 vs. Kent State, 9/18/21
Pass Long: 1 vs. Kent State, 9/18/21

Career Defensive Bests

Tackles: 1 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Solo: 1 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23

Game-by-Game Punting

2020	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng
at Purdue	6	265	44.2	52
N'western	4	196	49.0	58
Mich. State	7	321	45.9	61
at Minn.	3	133	44.3	55
at Penn St.	5	222	44.4	47
Nebraska	2	81	40.5	46
at Illinois	5	210	42.0	54
Wisconsin	8	337	42.1	49
Totals	**40**	**1,765**	**44.1**	**61**

2021	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng
Indiana	6	297	49.5	59
at IA State	8	409	51.1	69
Kent State	5	238	47.6	60
Colo. State	8	348	43.5	61
at Maryland	4	173	43.2	49
Penn State	9	398	44.2	53
Purdue	3	122	40.7	45
at Wisconsin	7	343	49.0	61
at N'western	8	327	40.9	55
Minnesota	5	228	45.6	52
Illinois	4	186	46.5	53
at Nebraska	2	88	44.0	49
Michigan (n)	7	331	47.3	52
Kentucky (n)	4	200	5.0	55
Totals	**80**	**3,688**	**46.1**	**69**

2022	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng
SD State	10	479	47.9	57
IA State	6	304	50.7	63
Nevada	7	327	46.7	62
at Rutgers	5	213	42.6	51
Michigan	5	241	48.2	53
at Illinois	8	327	40.9	49
at Ohio St.	5	205	41.0	48
N'western	1	12	12.0	12
at Purdue	8	414	51.8	70
Wisconsin	9	391	43.4	58
at Minnesota	5	212	42.4	56
Nebraska	5	214	42.8	49
Kentucky (n)	8	386	48.2	59
Totals	**82**	**3,725**	**45.4**	**70**

2023	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng
Utah State	6	292	48.7	53
at IA State	6	278	46.3	53
W. Michigan	4	167	41.8	55
at Penn State	7	366	52.3	62
Michigan St.	7	343	48.9	60
Purdue	6	284	47.3	61
at Wisconsin	10	506	50.6	62
Minnesota	9	444	49.3	57
at N'western	6	234	39.0	46
Rutgers	3	143	47.7	50
Illinois	8	413	51.6	59
at Nebraska	7	297	42.4	49
Michigan (n)	7	353	50.4	67
Totals	**86**	**4,119**	**47.9**	**67**

Career Statistics

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	50+	In-20	TB	FC
2020	40	1,765	44.1	61	9	18	1	20
2021	80	3,688	46.1	69	27	39	13	26
2022	82	3.725	45.4	70	27	38	11	25
2023	86	4,119	47.9	67	36	30	6	27
Career	**288**	**13,297**	**46.2**	**70**	**99**	**125**	**31**	**98**

25 - - Kelby Telander (TEA-land-ir)

Linebacker
6-4, 238, Sophomore
North Liberty, Iowa (Liberty HS)

Hawk Item - - Was honored as an Iowa Kid Captain in 2009.

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... **2023 - -** Saw first career action in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 12/24/2002... finance major... four-time academic all-conference honoree... member of prep Honor Roll... member of National Honor Society and named National Honor Society Scholar... parents are Tina and Neil Telander... high school coach was Jerry and Jeff Gordon...

42 - - Zach Twedt (tweet)

Linebacker
6-3, 242, Sophomore
Story City, Iowa (Roland-Story HS)

2023 Honors - - Dean's List student (2023 fall)... **2023 - -** Played in four games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 8/19/2002 in Ames, Iowa... enterprise leadership major... academic all-conference and all-state... father is Seth Twedt... high school coaches were Aaron Stensland and Matt Finn.

8 - - T.J. Washington, Jr.

Running Back
5-11, 205, Freshman
Wylie, Texas (Wylie East HS)

.2023 - - Rushed six times for 31 yards and long run of nine yards in first career appearance, helping team to 41-10 win over Western Michigan... rushed once for three yards in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... played in three games.

Personal - - Born 9/1/04... business major... parents are Katriena and Terrell Washington, Sr.... high school coach was Marcus Gold.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 6 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Yards: 31 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long: 9 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

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Game-By-Game Rushing Stats

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	DNP			
at IA State	DNP			
W. Michigan	6	31	0	9
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	1	3	0	3
Purdue	DNP			
at Wisconsin	DNP			
Minnesota	DNP			
at N'western	INJ			
Rutgers	INJ			
Illinois	INJ			
at Nebraska	DNP			
Michigan (n)	DNP			
Totals	**7**	**34**	**0**	**9**

Career Statistics

Rushing	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	7	34	4.9	0	9

21 - - Kaden Wetjen (WEE-gin)

Wide Receiver
5-10, 196, Junior
Williamsburg, Iowa (Williamsburg HS/ Iowa Western Community College)

2023 Honors - - Academic All-Big Ten... Next Man in Award, special teams... **2023 - -** Leads team in kickoff returns, with 13 for 312 yards (24.0 yard avg.)... the 24.0 yard avg. ranks fourth in the Big Ten... rushed three times for 22 yards, including one for 13 yards that set up Iowa's third touchdown of the game, in season-opening 24-14 win over Utah State... returned three kickoffs for 85 yards, with a long of 35 yards, in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... returned two kickoffs for 54 yards (long of 28 yards) and two punts for 34 yards (long of 21 yards) in 26-0 loss to Michigan... returned two kickoffs for 23 yards (long of 21 yards) and two punts for 19 yards (long of 17 yards) in 15-13 win over Illinois... returned two kickoffs for 58 yards (long of 29 yards) in 15-6 win at Wisconsin... returned two punts for 11 yards (long of eight yards) and one kickoff for 25 yards in 13-10 win at Nebraska... returned one kickoff for 24 yards in 10-7 win at Northwestern, one kickoff for 25 yards in 12-10 loss vs. Minnesota, and one kickoff for 15 yards in 20-13 win at Iowa State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 3/9/2002 in Iowa City... enterprise leadership major... earned academic all-conference recognition... parents are Lindsay and Lee Wetjen... high school coach was Curt Ritchie... community college coach was Scott Strohmeier.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 3 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Yards: 22 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Long: 14 vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

Career Kickoff Return Bests

Attempts: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Yards: 88 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long: 35 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

Career Punt Return Bests

Attempts: 2, twice, last at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Yards: 19 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Long: 17 vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

2023 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	3	22	0	14
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	1	(-2)	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**4**	**20**	**0**	**14**

KO Returns	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	1	15	0	15
W. Michigan	3	88	0	35
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	2	58	0	29
Minnesota	1	25	0	25
at N'western	1	24	0	24
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	2	23	0	21
at Nebraska	1	25	0	25
Michigan (n)	2	54	0	28
Totals	**13**	**312**	**0**	**35**

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	2	19	0	17
at Nebraska	2	11	0	8
Michigan (n)	2	34	0	21
Totals	**6**	**64**	**0**	**21**

Career Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	4	20	5.0	0	14

KO Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	13	312	24.0	0	35

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	6	64	10.7	0	21

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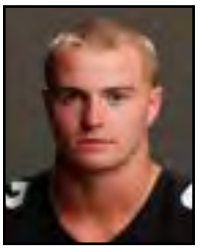

22 - - Max White

Running Back
5-10, 205, Sophomore
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Kennedy HS)

Hawk Item - - Relative of Max Hawkins, member of Iowa's 1939 Ironmen team.

2023 Honors - - Team Hustle Award, special teams... **2023 - -** Rushed three times for three yards and his first career touchdown in 41-10 win over Western Michigan... returned first career kickoff for 20 yards in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... played in all 13 games.

Personal - - Born 1/8/2003... open major... member of prep Honor Roll... National Honor Society... parents are Debbie and Brian White... high school coach was Brian White.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Yards: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long: 3 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Touchdowns: 1 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

Career Kickoff Return Bests

Attempts: 1, twice, last at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Yards: 88 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long: 35 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

2023 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	3	3	1	3
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**3**	**3**	**1**	**3**

KO Returns	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0
Michigan St.	1	20	0	20
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	1	9	0	9
Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**29**	**0**	**20**

Career Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	3	3	1.0	1	3

KO Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2023	2	29	14.5	0	20

18 - - *Alec Wick (wick)

Wide Receiver
6-1, 193, Sophomore
Iowa City, Iowa (Regina Catholic HS)

2023 - - Played in five games, but had no statistics.

Personal - - Born 11/17/2002... business major... Honor Roll student... parents are Beth and Rob Wick... high school coach was former Iowa All-America tight end Marv Cook.

Career Receiving Bests

Receptions: 1, twice, last vs. Michigan, 10/1/22
Yards: 17 vs. Michigan, 10/1/22
Long: 17 vs. Michigan, 10/1/22

Game-By-Game Receiving Stats

2022	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
SD State	0	0	0	0
IA State	1	14	0	14
Nevada	0	0	0	0
at Rutgers	0	0	0	0
Michigan	1	17	0	17
at Illinois	DNP			
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0
N'western	DNP			
at Purdue	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	DNP			
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**2**	**31**	**0**	**17**

2023	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	0	0	0	0
at IA State	0	0	0	0
W. Michigan	DNP			
at Penn State	DNP			
Michigan St.	DNP			
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	DNP			
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	DNP			
Illinois	DNP			
at Nebraska	DNP			
Michigan (n)	DNP			
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Career Statistics

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2022	2	31	15.5	0	17
2023	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	**2**	**31**	**15.5**	**0**	**17**

HAWKEYE BIOS

4 - - **Leshon Williams (LEE-shon)

Running Back
5-10, 208, Junior
Chicago, Ill. (Richards HS)

Hawk Item - - His 1,285 career rushing yards ranks 34th all-time at Iowa... became the 52nd Hawkeye to reach 1,000 rushing yards in a career during 10-7 win at Northwestern.

2023 Honors - - Honorable mention All-Big Ten by league coaches and media... Phil Steele fourth-team All-Big Ten... Roy Carver Most Valuable Player, offense; Coaches Appreciation Award, offense... **2023 - -** Leads team with 164 rushes for 804 yards (4.9 yards per carry avg., 61.8 yards per game avg.) and one touchdown, with a long rush of 82 yards on the season... the rush attempts (164) rank sixth, the yards (804) and yards per carry avg. (4.9) ranks seventh, and the yards per game avg. (61.8) rank 10th in the Big Ten... the rushing yards (804) also ranks 34th in program history for most yards in a season... recorded his third career 100-yard rushing game in 13-10 win at Nebraska, rushing a team-high 15 times for 111 yards (6.9 yards per carry avg.)... tallied a 53-yard run in the second quarter at Nebraska, which is tied for his second longest and the teams fourth longest run of the season, and a 22-yard run on the final drive to set up the game-winning field goal... recorded his second career 100-yard rushing game in 15-6 win at Wisconsin, rushing a career-high 25 times for a career-high 174 yards (7.0 yards per carry avg.) with a career-high long of 82 yards and scoring his first career rushing touchdown... the 82-yard rushing touchdown was Iowa's longest rush of the season, the longest rush in program history since 1997 and the longest rush all-time vs. Wisconsin... recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game in 41-10 win over Western Michigan, rushing 12 times for 145 yards (12.1 yards per carry avg.)... also scored his first career receiving touchdown on a career-high 25-yard catch vs. Western Michigan... his long of 53 yards vs. the Broncos set up Iowa's first touchdown of the game and was Iowa's second rush of 50+ yards this season... rushed a team-leading 24 times for 79 yards (3.3 yards per carry avg.) in 10-7 win at Northwestern... rushed a team-high 13 times for 63 yards (4.8 yards per carry avg.) with a long of 24 yards in 22-0 win over Rutgers... also caught two passes for 24 yards with a long of 17 yards vs. Rutgers... rushed a team-high 16 times for 54 yards with a long of 15 yards in 15-13 win over Illinois... rushed a team-high 12 times for 38 yards and caught one pass for five yards in 26-16 win vs. Michigan State... had 13 rushes for 74 yards (5.7 yard per carry avg.) in 20-14 win over Purdue... started at running back in seven games, playing in all 13.

Personal - - Born 12/26/2001... open major... parents are Tiara Young and Cheri Marion... high school coach was Tony Sheehan.

Career Rushing Bests

Attempts:	25 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Yards:	174 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Long:	82 at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Touchdowns:	1, three times, last at Wisconsin, 10/14/23

Career Receiving Bests

Number:	3 vs. Northwestern, 10/29/22
Yards:	25 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Long:	25 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Touchdowns:	1 vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23

2021 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Indiana	DNP			
at IA State	DNP			
Kent State	4	13	0	8
Colo. State	DNP			
at Maryland	7	14	0	5
Penn State	DNP			
Purdue	DNP			
at Wisconsin	DNP			
at N'western	DNP			
Minnesota	DNP			
Illinois	DNP			
at Nebraska	DNP			
Michigan (n)	DNP			
Kentucky (n)	10	42	0	12
Totals	**21**	**69**	**0**	**12**

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Indiana	DNP			
at IA State	DNP			
Kent State	0	0	0	0
Colo. State	0	0	0	0
at Maryland	0	0	0	0
Penn State	DNP			
Purdue	DNP			
at Wisconsin	DNP			
at N'western	DNP			
Minnesota	DNP			
Illinois	DNP			
at Nebraska	DNP			
Michigan (n)	DNP			
Kentucky (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

2022 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds.	TD	Lng
SD State	24	72	0	10
IA State	14	34	1	9
Nevada	DNP			
at Rutgers	11	64	1	21
Michigan	8	34	0	9
at Illinois	7	32	0	21
at Ohio State	9	31	0	12
N'western	11	43	0	14
at Purdue	1	2	0	2
Wisconsin	9	17	0	9
at Minnesota	11	38	0	17
Nebraska	9	43	0	11
Kentucky (n)	3	3	0	5
Totals	**117**	**413**	**2**	**21**

Receiving	No.	Yds.	TD	Lng
SD State	2	23	0	15
IA State	0	0	0	0
Nevada	DNP			
at Rutgers	2	19	0	14
Michigan	1	8	0	8
at Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0
N'western	3	19	0	8
at Purdue	2	7	0	5
Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0
Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Kentucky (n)	1	2	0	2
Totals	**11**	**78**	**0**	**14**

2023 Game-By-Game Stats

Rushing	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	6	16	0	5
at IA State	1	3	0	3
W. Michigan	12	145	0	53
at Penn State	6	9	0	5
Michigan St.	12	38	0	0
Purdue	13	74	0	17
at Wisconsin	26	174	1	82
Minnesota	11	13	0	5
at N'western	24	79	0	10
Rutgers	13	63	0	24
Illinois	16	54	0	15
at Nebraska	16	111	0	53
Michigan (n)	9	25	0	6
Totals	**164**	**804**	**1**	**82**

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Lng
Utah State	2	12	0	10
at IA State	1	2	0	2
W. Michigan	2	27	1	25
at Penn State	1	3	0	3
Michigan St.	1	5	0	5
Purdue	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0
at N'western	2	(-5)	0	0
Rutgers	2	24	0	17
Illinois	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	0
Michigan (n)	0	0	0	0
Totals	**11**	**68**	**1**	**25**

Career Statistics

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	21	69	3.3	0	12
2022	117	413	3.5	2	21
2023	164	804	4.9	1	82
Career	**302**	**1,285**	**4.3**	**3**	**82**

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Lng
2021	0	0	- - -	0	- - -
2022	11	78	7.1	0	15
2023	11	68	6.2	1	25
Career	**22**	**146**	**6.6**	**1**	**25**

IOWA FOOTBALL

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2023 RESULTS/STATISTICS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/02/2023	Utah St.	W	24-14	69250
	09/09/2023	at Iowa St.	W	20-13	61500
	09/16/2023	Western Mich.	W	41-10	69250
*	09/23/2023	at Penn St.	L	0-31	110830
*	09/30/2023	Michigan St.	W	26-16	69250
*	10/07/2023	Purdue	W	20-14	69250
*	10/14/2023	at Wisconsin	W	15-6	76205
*	10/21/2023	Minnesota	L	10-12	69250
*	11/04/2023	at Northwestern	W	10-7	38000
*	11/11/2023	Rutgers	W	22-0	69250
*	11/18/2023	Illinois	W	15-13	69250
*	11/24/2023	at Nebraska	W	13-10	86183
*	12/02/2023	vs Michigan	L	0-26	67842

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Leshon Williams	13	164	830	26	804	4.9	1	82	61.8
Kaleb Johnson	9	110	457	28	429	3.9	3	67	47.7
Jaziun Patterson	10	56	211	12	199	3.6	2	59	19.9
Kamari Moulton	3	23	94	1	93	4.0	2	18	31.0
Kaleb Brown	10	8	52	1	51	6.4	0	13	5.1
Seth Anderson	13	3	50	0	50	16.7	0	30	3.8
Terrell Washington Jr.	3	7	34	0	34	4.9	0	9	11.3
Kaden Wetjen	13	4	27	7	20	5.0	0	14	1.5
Cooper DeJean	10	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	0.8
Diante Vines	10	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.4
Max White	12	3	5	2	3	1.0	1	3	0.3
Nico Ragaini	13	2	0	9	-9	-4.5	0	0	-0.7
Cade McNamara	5	13	27	72	-45	-3.5	0	18	-9.0
Deacon Hill	12	43	51	163	-112	-2.6	2	12	-9.3
Team	13	12	0	25	-25	-2.1	0	0	-1.9
Total	**13**	**450**	**1850**	**346**	**1504**	**3.3**	**11**	**82**	**115.7**
Opponents	**13**	**444**	**1603**	**270**	**1333**	**3.0**	**4**	**29**	**102.5**

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Deacon Hill	12	90.8	115-233-6	49.4	1096	5	54	91.3
Cade McNamara	5	106.2	46-90-3	51.1	505	4	36	101.0
Total	**13**	**95.1**	**161-323-9**	**49.8**	**1601**	**9**	**54**	**123.2**
Opponents	**13**	**100.5**	**253-452-10**	**56.0**	**2239**	**10**	**66**	**172.2**

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Nico Ragaini	13	29	252	8.7	0	29	19.4
Addison Ostrenga	11	29	178	6.1	2	19	16.2
Erick All	7	21	299	14.2	3	34	42.7
Kaleb Brown	10	19	176	9.3	1	31	17.6
Diante Vines	10	12	134	11.2	1	36	13.4
Leshon Williams	13	11	68	6.2	1	25	5.2
Seth Anderson	13	11	150	13.6	1	36	11.5
Luke Lachey	3	10	131	13.1	0	35	43.7
Steven Stilianos	12	7	92	13.1	0	37	7.7
Jaziun Patterson	10	4	22	5.5	0	18	2.2
Kaleb Johnson	9	3	25	8.3	0	13	2.8
Hayden Large	13	3	19	6.3	0	15	1.5
Johnny Pascuzzi	10	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Zach Ortwerth	7	1	54	54.0	0	54	7.7
Total	**13**	**161**	**1601**	**9.9**	**9**	**54**	**123.2**
Opponents	**13**	**253**	**2239**	**8.8**	**10**	**66**	**172.2**

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	10-3	6-1	4-1	0-1
CONFERENCE	7-3	4-1	3-1	0-1
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	2-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	IOWA	OPP
First Downs	**170**	**205**
Rushing	74	80
Passing	73	111
Penalty	23	14
Rushing Yardage	**1504**	**1333**
Rushing attempts	450	444
Average per rush	3.3	3.0
Average per game	115.7	102.5
TDs Rushing	11	4
Passing Yardage	**1601**	**2239**
Comp-Att-Int	161-323-9	253-452-10
Average per pass	5.0	5.0
Average per catch	9.9	8.8
Average per game	123.2	172.2
TDs Passing	9	10
Total offense	**3105**	**3572**
Average per play	4.0	4.0
Average per game	238.8	274.8
Kick returns: #-Yards	**18-421**	**7-109**
Punt returns: #-Yards	**29-305**	**26-229**
Int returns: #-Yards	**10-132**	**9-35**
Fumbles-Lost	**22-10**	**16-5**
Penalties-Yards	**46-392**	**82-698**
Punts-Avg	**87-47.8**	**87-41.6**
Time of possession / game	**28:32**	**31:28**
3rd-down conversion	**58/189**	**68/215**
4rd-down conversion	**5/10**	**12/22**
PAT-attempts	**(19-20) 95%**	**(14-14) 100%**
2-point conversion-attempts	**(1-2) 50%**	**(1-1) 100%**

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Sebastian Castro	3	36	12.0	1	30
Cooper DeJean	2	41	20.5	0	41
Jermari Harris	1	0	0.0	0	0
Quinn Schulte	1	39	39.0	0	39
Jay Higgins	1	0	0.0	0	0
Ethan Hurkett	1	16	16.0	0	16
Xavier Nwankpa	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**10**	**132**	**13.2**	**1**	**41**
Opponents	**9**	**35**	**3.9**	**0**	**26**

2023 STATISTICS

Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Drew Stevens	18-26	69.2	0-0	7-8	5-6	4-8	2-4	53	4
Marshall Meeder	1-1	100.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	38	0
Opponents	**22-29**	**75.9**	**0-0**	**3-3**	**7-8**	**8-12**	**4-6**	**58**	**1**

Scoring

			PAT						
Player	**td**	**fg**	**kick**	**rush**	**rcv**	**pass**	**dxp**	**saf**	**pts**
Drew Stevens	-	18-26	19-20	-	-	-	-	-	73
Erick All	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	20
Kaleb Johnson	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Leshon Williams	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Deacon Hill	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Addison Ostrenga	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Jaziun Patterson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Kamari Moulton	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Sebastian Castro	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Diante Vines	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Seth Anderson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Cooper DeJean	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Max White	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Kaleb Brown	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Marshall Meeder	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Total	**22**	**19-27**	**19-20**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**216**
Opponents	**15**	**22-29**	**14-14**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**172**

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Iowa	32	75	36	73	0	216
Opponents	29	43	49	51	0	172

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Tory Taylor	86	4119	47.9	67	6	27	30	36	0
Team	1	37	37.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	**87**	**4156**	**47.8**	**67**	**6**	**27**	**30**	**36**	**1**
Opponents	**87**	**3615**	**41.6**	**67**	**8**	**26**	**23**	**18**	**2**

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Cooper DeJean	21	241	11.5	1	70
Kaden Wetjen	6	64	10.7	0	21
Brenden Deasfernandes	1	0	0.0	0	0
Deshaun Lee	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	**29**	**305**	**10.5**	**1**	**70**
Opponents	**26**	**229**	**8.8**	**0**	**87**

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Kaden Wetjen	13	312	24.0	0	35
Max White	2	29	14.5	0	20
Kaleb Johnson	2	77	38.5	0	54
Karson Sharar	1	3	3.0	0	3
Total	**18**	**421**	**23.4**	**0**	**54**
Opponents	**7**	**109**	**15.6**	**0**	**28**

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Leshon Williams	13	804	68	0	0	0	872	67.1
Kaleb Johnson	9	429	25	0	77	0	531	59.0
Kaden Wetjen	13	20	0	64	312	0	396	30.5
Erick All	7	0	299	0	0	0	299	42.7
Cooper DeJean	10	8	0	241	0	41	290	29.0
Nico Ragaini	13	-9	252	0	0	0	243	18.7
Kaleb Brown	10	51	176	0	0	0	227	22.7
Jaziun Patterson	10	199	22	0	0	0	221	22.1
Seth Anderson	13	50	150	0	0	0	200	15.4
Addison Ostrenga	11	0	178	0	0	0	178	16.2
Diante Vines	10	4	134	0	0	0	138	13.8
Luke Lachey	3	0	131	0	0	0	131	43.7
Kamari Moulton	3	93	0	0	0	0	93	31.0
Steven Stilianos	12	0	92	0	0	0	92	7.7
Zach Ortwerth	7	0	54	0	0	0	54	7.7
Quinn Schulte	13	0	0	0	0	39	39	3.0
Sebastian Castro	13	0	0	0	0	36	36	2.8
Terrell Washington Jr.	3	34	0	0	0	0	34	11.3
Max White	12	3	0	0	29	0	32	2.7
Hayden Large	13	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.5
Ethan Hurkett	13	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.2
Karson Sharar	13	0	0	0	3	0	3	0.2
Johnny Pascuzzi	10	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.1
Cade McNamara	5	-45	0	0	0	0	-45	-9.0
Deacon Hill	12	-112	0	0	0	0	-112	-9.3
Total	**13**	**1504**	**1601**	**305**	**421**	**132**	**3963**	**304.8**
Opponents	**13**	**1333**	**2239**	**229**	**109**	**35**	**3945**	**303.5**

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Deacon Hill	12	276	-112	1096	984	82.0
Leshon Williams	13	164	804	0	804	61.8
Cade McNamara	5	103	-45	505	460	92.0
Kaleb Johnson	9	110	429	0	429	47.7
Jaziun Patterson	10	56	199	0	199	19.9
Kamari Moulton	3	23	93	0	93	31.0
Kaleb Brown	10	8	51	0	51	5.1
Seth Anderson	13	3	50	0	50	3.8
Terrell Washington Jr.	3	7	34	0	34	11.3
Kaden Wetjen	13	4	20	0	20	1.5
Cooper DeJean	10	1	8	0	8	0.8
Diante Vines	10	1	4	0	4	0.4
Max White	12	3	3	0	3	0.3
Nico Ragaini	13	2	-9	0	-9	-0.7
Total	**13**	**773**	**1504**	**1601**	**3105**	**238.8**
Opponents	**13**	**896**	**1333**	**2239**	**3572**	**274.8**

2023 STATISTICS

Team Defense

			Tackles				Sacks	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
##	Player	gp	ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds	int-yds	brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
34	Jay Higgins	13	65	90	155	4-6	1-2	1-0	4	3	2-0	1	.	.
10	Nick Jackson	13	42	57	99	8-26	4-16	.	3	7	.	2	.	.
29	Sebastian Castro	13	41	20	61	8-16	1-2	3-36	8	1	.	1	.	.
30	Quinn Schulte	13	35	25	60	2.5-9	.	1-39	4	.	.	.	.	.
85	Logan Lee	13	18	34	52	5.5-31	3-26	.	3	1	.	.	1	.
49	Ethan Hurkett	13	26	26	52	6-8	.	1-16	.	3	1-0	.	.	.
45	Deontae Craig	13	15	36	51	5-25	3-22	.	1	7	.	.	.	.
94	Yahya Black	13	22	29	51	5-27	3.5-21	.	5	2	.	1	.	.
13	Joe Evans	13	23	18	41	9.5-40	5.5-27	.	4	10	.	1	.	.
3	Cooper DeJean	10	26	15	41	2-5	.	2-41	5	.	.	.	.	.
1	Xavier Nwankpa	13	26	15	41	2-1	1-0	1-0	2	1	.	.	.	.
27	Jermari Harris	11	29	10	39	1-1	.	1-0	8	.	.	.	.	.
95	Aaron Graves	13	12	22	34	3.5-21	1.5-8	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
8	Deshaun Lee	10	18	13	31	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
37	Kyler Fisher	13	18	8	26	3.5-7	1-2	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
43	Karson Sharar	13	6	2	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
48	Max Llewellyn	13	5	3	8	2.5-23	2.5-23	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
4	Koen Entringer	13	7	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Jeremiah Pittman	9	3	3	6	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
2	TJ Hall	6	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Jamison Heinz	9	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	Brenden Deasfernandes	13	1	1	2	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Jaxon Rexroth	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
7	John Nestor	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Kael Kolarik	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90	Brian Allen	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
41	Jaden Harrell	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54	Anterio Thompson	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.
6	Seth Anderson	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Luke Elkin	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Tory Taylor	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
77	Connor Colby	13	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
	Totals	**13**	**451**	**434**	**885**	**69-247**	**27-149**	**10-132**	**53**	**38**	**5-0**	**9**	**3**	**3**
	Opponents	13	437	324	761	67-296	28-207	9-35	49	28	10-44	16	6	0

2023 STATISTICS

Iowa Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2023	Utah St.	W	24-14	4	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
09/09/2023	at Iowa St.	W	20-13	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Western Mich.	W	41-10	5	5	32	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	at Penn St.	L	0-31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	Michigan St.	W	26-16	3	3	13	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/07/2023	Purdue	W	20-14	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	at Wisconsin	W	15-6	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Minnesota	L	10-12	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/04/2023	at Northwestern	W	10-7	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/11/2023	Rutgers	W	22-0	6	4	19	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	1
11/18/2023	Illinois	W	15-13	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11/24/2023	at Nebraska	W	13-10	5	3	13	1	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
12/02/2023	vs Michigan	L	0-26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 28 of 34 (82.4%)			**34**	**28**	**140**	**14**	**8**	**6**	**14**	**16**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**3**

Opponents Inside Iowa Red-Zone

Date	Opponent		Score	Times In RZ	Times Scored	Total Pts	TDs	Rush TDs	Pass TDs	FGs Made	Failed to score inside RZ FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2023	Utah St.	W	24-14	3	2	11	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	Iowa St.	W	20-13	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	Western Mich.	W	41-10	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	Penn St.	L	0-31	5	4	28	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	Michigan St.	W	26-16	3	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0
10/07/2023	Purdue	W	20-14	2	1	7	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/14/2023	Wisconsin	W	15-6	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
10/21/2023	Minnesota	L	10-12	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/04/2023	Northwestern	W	10-7	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
11/11/2023	Rutgers	W	22-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/18/2023	Illinois	W	15-13	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/24/2023	Nebraska	W	13-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12/02/2023	Michigan	L	0-26	4	4	20	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals 21 of 28 (75.0%)			**28**	**21**	**108**	**11**	**4**	**7**	**10**	**13**	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**

2023 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Score	First Downs	Rushing Att-Net	Pass. Yards	Passing Com.-Att.-Int	Total Offense	Punts-Avg.	Fum.-Lost	Pen. Yds.
Utah State	14	19	24-116	213	32-48-1	329	6-44.3	0-0	10-91
at Iowa	24	18	36-88	196	18-33-0	284	7-47.0	2-0	7-50
Iowa	20	9	29-112	123	12-22-1	235	6-46.3	0-0	0-0
at Iowa State	13	19	31-87	203	23-44-1	290	6-51.8	0-0	2-24
Western Michigan	10	8	36-117	122	7-18-0	239	8-37.4	2-1	8-64
at Iowa	41	19	43-254	133	11-22-2	387	4-41.8	1-0	1-5
Iowa	0	4	17-20	56	6-16-0	76	7-52.3	6-4	4-28
at Penn State	31	28	57-215	182	26-40-0	397	4-37.8	1-0	4-45
Michigan State	16	20	32-156	193	25-44-3	349	6-48.8	1-1	10-94
at Iowa	26	15	27-61	161	14-32-1	222	7-48.9	1-1	3-25
Purdue	14	21	40-96	247	25-40-2	343	7-41.3	2-0	6-45
at Iowa	20	13	35-181	110	6-21-1	291	6-47.3	1-0	2-20
Iowa	15	9	48-200	37	6-14-0	237	10-50.6	1-0	5-55
at Wisconsin	6	18	28-96	228	27-50-1	324	8-42.9	4-1	7-48
Minnesota	12	12	45-113	126	10-25-0	239	9-39.9	0-0	7-58
at Iowa	10	9	28-11	116	10-28-1	127	9-49.3	2-2	6-53
Iowa	10	14	41-104	65	10-15-1	169	6-39.0	1-0	3-30
at Northwestern	7	12	41-89	81	12-20-0	170	8-38.0	1-0	7-71
Rutgers	0	7	23-34	93	7-18-1	127	9-35.4	1-0	7-40
at Iowa	22	21	46-179	223	20-31-1	402	3-47.7	1-0	0-0
Illinois	13	18	23-65	215	22-47-0	280	5-45.0	0-0	6-53
at Iowa	15	18	36-114	167	19-29-0	281	8-51.6	2-0	6-70
Iowa	13	14	40-163	94	11-28-1	257	7-42.4	2-0	2-10
at Nebraska	10	10	30-75	189	15-28-1	264	7-39.9	3-2	5-40
vs. Michigan	26	13	34-66	147	22-30-0	213	6-42.3	0-0	3-25
Iowa	0	7	24-35	120	18-32-0	155	7-50.4	3-3	7-46

SPECIALTY STATISTICS

ON THE AVERAGE

DOWN	PLAYS	YARDS	AVG.
First Down	318	1,414	4.4
Second Down	256	990	3.9
Third Down	189	718	3.8
Fourth Down	10	3	0.3

POINTS OFF TURNOVERS

	T/O GAINED	PTS. SCORED
IOWA	15	46
Opponent	19	30

IOWA BY QUARTERS

QUARTER	IOWA	OPPONENTS
First	32	29
Second	75	43
Third	36	49
Fourth	73	51
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2023 SCORING DRIVES

Opponent	Plays	Yards	T.O.P.	Result	Qtr.	Play
Utah State (4)	2	39	0:33	TD	1	McNamara to Anderson, 36 yards
	11	75	4:31	TD	1	McNamara to All, 3 yards
	11	47	3:47	FG	2	Stevens, 20-yarder
	10	68	4:43	TD	4	K. Johnson 3-yard run
Iowa Avg. Drive	***8.5***	***57.3***	***3:40***			
at Iowa State (3)	7	70	2:44	FG	1	Stevens, 28-yarder
	8	80	4:40	TD	2	Patterson 4-yard run
	11	69	5:48	FG	3	Stevens, 34-yarder
Iowa Avg. Drive	***8.7***	***73.0***	***4:24***			
Western Michigan (6)	5	66	2:35	TD	1	McNamara to Vines, 3 yards
	1	25	0:08	TD	2	McNamara to L. Williams, 25 yards
	6	53	3:21	TD	3	Moulton, 3-yard run
	3	17	1:28	TD	3	Moulton, 1-yard run
	9	56	4:12	FG	4	Stevens, 31-yarder
	6	33	2:42	TD	4	White, 2-yard run
Iowa Avg. Drive	***5.0***	***41.7***	***2:42***			
at Penn State (0)	-	-	-	-	-	
Michigan State (5)	8	53	3:35	FG	1	Stevens, 40-yarder
	5	80	2:16	TD	2	Hill to All, 13 yards
	4	-5	2:02	FG	3	Stevens, 53-yarder
	7	20	2:28	FG	4	Stevens, 36-yarder
	6	14	2:30	FG	4	Stevens, 34-yarder
Iowa Avg. Drive	***6.0***	***32.4***	***2:34***			
Purdue (4)	2	80	0:43	TD	1	Johnson, 67-yard run
	4	-4	1:56	FG	2	Stevens, 27-yarder
	9	75	3:45	FG	3	Stevens, 23-yarder
	6	46	2:22	TD	4	Hill to All, 22 yards
Iowa Avg. Drive	***5.3***	***49.3***	***2:11***			

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Distance	Iowa		Opponent	
Length	TD	FG	TD	FG
(minus)	0	2	0	1
0-9	1	0	2	1
10-19	1	3	0	0
20-29	2	2	1	2
30-39	2	3	0	2
40-49	2	2	0	4
50-59	4	3	0	3
60-69	2	1	1	8
70-79	2	3	3	0
80-89	3	0	1	0
90-99	1	0	1	0

GAME OPENING DRIVES

	Iowa			Opponent		
Game	Pts	Plys	Yds	Pts	Plys	Yds
Utah St.	7	2	39	0	3	3
Iowa St.	3	7	70	0	15	57
W. MIch.	0	4	17	0	3	-11
Penn St.	0	6	24	0	3	1
Mich. St.	3	8	53	0	4	17
Purdue	0	3	-1	0	6	6
Wisconsin	0	8	32	0	11	81
Minnesota	3	11	70	0	3	-1
N'western	0	10	37	0	3	-6
Rutgers	0	10	45	0	6	28
Illinois	0	4	22	0	3	-7
Nebraska	0	3	1	0	6	21
Michigan	0	3	5	3	13	52

SECOND HALF OPENING DRIVES

	Iowa			Opponent		
Game	Pts	Plys	Yds	Pts	Plys	Yds
Utah St.	0	5	12	3	7	47
Iowa St.	0	3	1	0	6	18
W. MIch.	0	5	4	0	3	-1
Penn St.	0	3	-3	7	15	75
Mich. St.	0	1	3	0	5	26
Purdue	3	9	75	0	6	18
Wisconsin	0	3	3	3	13	60
Minnesota	0	3	0	3	13	64
N'western	7	7	25	0	3	-7
Rutgers	0	5	13	0	7	25
Illinois	0	3	9	0	8	26
Nebraska	0	3	7	0	6	12
Michigan	0	2	6	0	8	28

3RD DOWN AND . . .

IOWA YDS	USU	ISU	WMU	PSU	MSU	PUR	WIS	MINN	NW	RUT	ILL	NEB	MICH	TOTAL
1-3	1-3	5-7	3-6	0-2	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-3	4-4	5-8	0-2	4-6	3-5	29-52
4-6	2-7	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-6	0-4	2-5	1-3	0-1	2-4	3-4	1-4	0-3	13-42
7-9	0-1	0-4	0-2	1-5	0-3	1-3	1-5	0-3	0-6	0-1	3-6	1-7	1-3	8-49
10-14	2-4	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-3	1-3	0-4	2-4	0-0	2-5	0-2	0-1	0-3	7-35
15+	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-11
TOTAL	**6-17**	**5-14**	**4-12**	**1-9**	**2-13**	**3-13**	**4-17**	**4-15**	**4-12**	**9-18**	**6-16**	**6-18**	**4-15**	**58-189**

OPP YDS	USU	ISU	WMU	PSU	MSU	PUR	WIS	MINN	NW	RUT	ILL	NEB	MICH	TOTAL
1-3	3-4	2-5	3-4	5-6	1-1	5-6	1-4	1-4	3-4	0-2	2-4	2-3	1-4	29-51
4-6	1-4	3-5	0-2	0-3	2-6	3-5	1-4	1-7	3-6	2-4	2-4	2-4	1-4	21-58
7-9	1-4	2-4	2-5	3-5	0-2	1-3	0-4	0-4	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-5	1-4	9-45
10-14	0-4	0-3	0-1	1-5	0-4	0-3	0-5	1-2	0-3	0-1	1-6	4-5	0-3	7-45
15+	0-1	0-1	0-4	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-16
TOTAL	**5-17**	**7-18**	**5-16**	**9-20**	**3-15**	**9-19**	**2-17**	**4-1**	**6-17**	**2-11**	**5-15**	**8-17**	**3-15**	**68-215**

SCORING DRIVES/LONGEST PLAYS

Opponent	Plays	Yards	T.O.P.	Result	Qtr.	Play
at Wisconsin (3)	3	90	1:20	TD	2	Williams, 82-yard run
	6	28	2:44	FG	4	Stevens, 48-yarder
	5	17	1:06	FG	4	Stevens, 40-yarder
Iowa Avg. Drive	***4.7***	***45.0***	***1:43***			
Minnesota (2)	11	70	4:25	FG	1	Stevens, 23-yarder
	6	46	3:43	TD	2	Hill, 1-yard run
Iowa Avg. Drive	***8.5***	***58.0***	***4:04***			
at Northwestern (2)	7	25	3:59	TD	3	Hill to Ostrenga, 2 yards
	7	37	1:32	FG	4	Stevens, 53-yarder
Iowa Avg. Drive	***7.0***	***31***	***2:45***			
Rutgers (5)	10	35	6:06	FG	2	Stevens, 32-yarder
	5	54	2:04	FG	3	Stevens, 43-yarder
	9	54	4:39	TD	4	Patterson, 4-yard run
	12	44	6:30	FG	4	Stevens, 24-yarder
	3	9	0:49	TD	4	Hill to Brown, 10 yards
Iowa Avg. Drive	***7.8***	***39.2***	***4:01***			
Illinois (2)	14	75	7:59	TD	2	Hill to Ostrenga, 4 yards
	4	54	2:08	TD	4	Johnson, 30-yard run
Iowa Avg. Drive	***9.0***	***64.5***	***5:03***			
at Nebraska (3)	7	51	2:52	TD	2	Hill, 1 yard run
	13	34	6:40	FG	2	Stevens, 28-yarder
	3	17	0:15	FG	4	Meeder, 38-yarder
Iowa Avg. Drive	***7.7***	***34.0***	***3:15***			
vs. Michigan (0)	-	-	-	-	-	
Season Avg. (39)	**6.8**	**46.1**	**3:07**			

LONGEST DRIVES

Plays: 14 plays vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Yards: 90 yards (3 plays, 1:20) at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Time of Possession: 7:59 (14 plays, 75 yards) vs. Illinois, 11/18/23

LONGEST PLAYS OF 2023

RUSHING
82 (TD), Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23

RUSHING TOUCHDOWN
82, Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23

RECEIVING
54, Zach Ortwerth vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN
36, Seth Anderson vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

PUNT RETURN
70 (TD), Cooper DeJean vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23

KICK RETURN
54, Kaleb Johnson vs. Utah State, 9/2/23

INTERCEPTION RETURN
41, Cooper DeJean vs. Purdue, 10/7/23

FUMBLE RETURN
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PUNT
62, at Penn State, 9/23/23

FIELD GOAL
53, Drew Stevens, 2X, last at Northwestern 11/4/23

THE LAST TIME...

IOWA HAD...

RUSHING

30 attempts — 30, Tyler Goodson vs. Nebraska, 11/27/20
20 attempts — 24, Leshon Williams at Northwestern, 11/4/23
100 yards — 111, Leshon Williams at Nebraska, 11/24/23
200 yards — 200, Kaleb Johnson at Purdue, 11/5/22
Team 400 yards — 408 vs. Tulsa, 9/13/97
3 TDs — Tyler Goodson vs. Kent State, 9/18/21
4 TDs — Akrum Wadley at Northwestern, 10/17/15
50+ yard rush — 53, Leshon Williams at Nebraska, 11/24/23
75+ yard rush — 82, Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
2 100-yard performances (same game) — 158, LeShun Daniels vs. Nebraska, 11/25/16; 105, Akrum Wadley vs. Nebraska, 11/25/16
Four consecutive 100-yard games — Mark Weisman, 2012 (UNI, CMU, MINN, MSU)

PASSING

30-39 attempts — 32, Deacon Hill vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
40-49 attempts — 43, Nate Stanley vs. Penn State, 10/12/19
50 attempts — 56, Jake Rudock at Maryland, 10/18/14
30-39 completions — 32, Jake Rudock at Maryland, 10/18/14
300 yards — 308, Nate Stanley vs. Illinois, 11/23/19
400 yards — 426, Scott Mullen vs. Indiana, 10/23/99
Team 400 yards — 426 vs. Indiana, 10/23/99
75+ yard completion — 75, Nate Stanley at Wisconsin, 11/9/19
3 TDs — Spencer Petras at Maryland, 10/1/21
4 TDs — Nate Stanley (6) at Indiana, 10/13/18
5 TDs — Nate Stanley (6) at Indiana, 10/13/18
6 TDs — Nate Stanley at Indiana, 10/13/18
4 interceptions — Spencer Petras vs. Purdue, 10/16/21
5 interceptions — Ricky Stanzi vs. Indiana, 10/31/09

RECEIVING

10+ receptions — 13, Kevin Kasper at Ohio State, 10/30/99
150 yards — 151, Marvin McNutt at Purdue, 11/19/11
200 yards — 233, Deven Harberts at Indiana, 10/29/88
75+ yard reception — 75, Tyrone Tracy, Jr., at Wisconsin, 11/9/19
2 100-yard performances (same game) — 4-107-2 TD, T.J. Hockenson at Indiana, 10/13/18; 4-101-TD, Noah Fant at Indiana, 10/13/18
3 TDs — Marvin McNutt vs. Indiana, 10/22/11
4 TDs — Ed Hinkel vs. Minnesota, 11/19/05
10 or more receivers catch a pass — 12 at Maryland, 10/1/21

DEFENSIVE

15+ tackles — 18, Jay Higgins at Penn State, 9/23/23
3.0+ sacks — 3.0, Zach VanValkenburg at Minnesota, 11/13/20
3.0+ TFL — 4.5, Joe Evans vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
4.0+ TFL — 4.5, Joe Evans vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
3+ players with 10+ tackles — Campbell (17), Hankins (10), VanValkenburg (10), vs. Minnesota, 11/13/21
Had 6+ sacks — 6 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Had 12+ TFL — 12 vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Intercepted 5+ passes — 6 at Maryland, 10/1/21
Forced 6+ turnovers — 7 (6 INT, 1 Fumble), at Maryland, 10/1/21
Held under 75 yards rushing — 23-65 yards, vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Held under 100 yards passing — 93, vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Under 200 yards total offense — 127, vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Safety scored — Joe Evans, sack vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Forced 2+ safeties — vs. South Dakota State, 9/3/22

FIELD GOALS

50 yards — 53, Drew Stevens at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Made multiple from 50 yards — 51, 58, 51, Tim Douglas at Illinois, 9/26/98
4 FG made — Drew Stevens vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
5 FG made — Kyle Schlicher at Minnesota, 11/13/04

TOUCHDOWN RETURNS (Yardage)

Kickoff — 100 yards, Charlie Jones vs. Illinois, 11/20/21
Game-opening kickoff — 100 yards, C.J. Jones vs. USC, 1/2/03
Punt — 70 yards on PR, Cooper DeJean vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Punt (after block) — Paki O'Meara vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/4/10
Two Punts — 83 yards, 63 yards, Kevonte Martin-Manley, vs. Western Michigan, 9/21/13
Interception — 30 yards, Sebastian Castro at Iowa State, 9/9/23
2 Interceptions returned for TD (Ind.) — 30, 55 yards, Riley Moss vs. Indiana (9/4/21)
2 interceptions returned for TD (team) — Xavier Nwankpa (52), Cooper DeJean (14) vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Fumble — 11, Joe Evans at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Blocked Field Goal — Logan Lee vs. Minnesota, 11/13/21
Blocked PAT — 99 yards, D.J. Johnson at Penn State, 9/28/02

TEAM

Shut out opponent at Kinnick Stadium — 22-0 vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Shut out opponent on the road — 21-0 vs. Kentucky, 12/31/22
Shut out back-to-back opponents — 1953, Purdue (26-0) & Minnesota (27-0)
Won in overtime — 44-41 (OT) at Iowa State, 9/9/17
Blocked a punt — Anterio Thompson at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Blocked two punts — Lukas Van Ness vs. Iowa State, 9/10/22
Punt blocked and returned for TD — Henry Marchese (block), Kyler Fisher (TD) at Nebraska, 11/26/21
Blocked a field goal — Logan Lee at Iowa State, 9/9/23
Blocked a PAT — D.J. Johnson at Penn State, 9/28/02
Did not punt — vs. Akron, 8/31/02
Recovered an onside kick — 4th quarter vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Scored a safety: — 1st quarter vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Scored a 2-point conversion — All from McNamara vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Game-winning field goal — Marshall Meeder, 38 yards (0:00), at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Did not commit a penalty — vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Did not score an offensive TD and won — vs. South Dakota State, 9/3/22
Scored 50 points — 51, at Maryland, 10/1/21
Scored 60 points — 63, at Illinois, 10/17/18
600 yards of total offense — 644 vs. Middle Tennessee State, 9/28/19
Scored on first play of game — Amani Hooker (30-yd. INT return), vs. Ohio State, 11/4/17
Scored 3 or more non-offensive TDs — (2 punts, 2 INTs), vs. Western Michigan, 9/21/13
Rallied from 20+ points to win — Pittsburgh (down 21, won 31-27)
Scored 3 or more non-offensive TDs — (2 punts, 2 INTs), vs. Western Michigan, 9/21/13
Rallied from 20+ points to win — Pittsburgh (down 21, won 31-27)

2023 games are bolded

THE LAST TIME...

AN OPPONENT HAD...

RUSHING

30+ attempts _____ 39, Mohamed Ibrahim at Minnesota, 11/19/22
200 yards_____ 39-263, Mohamed Ibrahim at Minnesota, 11/19/22
Team 400+ yards _____ 433 at Indiana, 9/30/00
3 TDs _____Devin Gardner at Michigan, 11/17/12
2 100-yard performances___ 149, Carlos Hyde at Ohio State, 10/19/13
(same game)_____ 102, Braxton Miller at Ohio State, 10/19/13

PASSING

40-49 attempts _____47, John Paddock vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
50 attempts_____ 50, Aidan O'Connell at Purdue, 10/24/20
30-39 completions _____ 32, Cooper Legas vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
300 yards_____ 300, Evan Simon at Rutgers, 9/24/22
Team 400 yards_____ 458 at Purdue, 10/15/16
4 TDs_____ Drew Allar at Penn State, 9/23/23

RECEIVING

10+ receptions _____ 12, Terrell Vaughn vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
200+ yards _____240, David Bell vs. Purdue, 10/16/21
175-199 yards _____197, David Bell vs. Purdue, 10/19/19
150-174 yards _____165, Trey Palmer vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
2 TDs _____ Trey Palmer vs. Nebraska, 11/25/22
3 TDs _____ David Bell at Purdue, 10/24/20
2 100-yard performances_____106, K.J. Maye vs. Minnesota, 11/14/15
(same game)_____105, Brandon Lingen vs. Minnesota, 11/14/15
10 or more receivers catch a pass _____ 12 vs. Michigan, 12/4/21

DEFENSIVE

3+ players with 10+ tackles ____ Jennings, Toure, Igbinosun (10), vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Had 6+ sacks_____6 vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/22
Intercepted 5+ passes _____5 vs. Indiana, 10/31/09
Forced 6+ turnovers_____6 (3 INT, 3 Fumbles) at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Held Iowa under 75 yards rushing_____ 35-24 yards vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Held Iowa under 100 yards passing____ 94 at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Held Iowa under 200 yards total offense _____155 yards vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Safety scored ___ Shareef Miller (TFL) against Akrum Wadley vs. Penn State, 9/23/17

FIELD GOALS

50+ yards _____ 52, Caleb Griffin vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
4 FG made _____ Dragan Kesich (4) vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
3 FG made _____Jonathon Kim (3) vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23

TOUCHDOWN RETURNS

Kickoff _____ 100 yards, Will Likely vs. Maryland, 10/31/15
Punt_____ 63 yards, Christian McCaffrey vs. Stanford, 1/1/16
Punt (after block) ____ 6 yards, Tremaine McCollum vs. Florida, 1/2/06
Interception __ Tommy Eichenberg (15 yards) at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Fumble _____ Cal Haladay (42 yards) vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Blocked PAT_____ Jason Simmons (85 yards) at Ohio State, 11/2/91

TEAM

Shut out Iowa at Kinnick Stadium _____31-0 vs. Wisconsin, 10/24/98
Shut out Iowa on the road_____ 31-0 at Penn State, 9/23/23
Shut out Iowa at a neutral site _____ 26-0 vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Won in overtime _____ at Northwestern, 10/21/17
Blocked a punt _____ Ike Larsen vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Punt blocked and returned for TD _____Ryan Lewis (block), Pat Amara, Jr., (TD) vs. Pittsburgh, 9/19/15
Blocked a field goal ____ Nash Hutmacher, at Nebraska, 11/24/23
Blocked a PAT _____vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Did not punt _____ at Ohio State, 10/19/13
Recovered an onside kick_____ at Ohio State, 10/19/13
Scored a safety _____ Shareef Miller (TFL) vs. Penn State, 9/23/17
Scored a 2-point conversion _____ R. Faison from C. Legas _____ vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Game-winning field goal _ Cole Netten, 42 yards (0:02), vs. Iowa State, 9/13/14
Did not commit a penalty _____ at Minnesota, 11/19/22
Did not score an offensive TD and won __ vs. Minnesota, 10/21/23
Scored 50 points_____54 at Ohio State, 10/22/22
Scored 60 points_____ 61 at Penn State, 9/17/94
600 yards of total offense_____ 604 at Wisconsin, 11/13/99
Scored on first play of game _____ Christian McCaffery (75 rush) vs. Stanford, 1/1/16

2023 games are bolded

2023 TOP PERFORMANCES

INDIVIDUAL

Points	14	Drew Stevens vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Rushing Attempts	25	Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Yards Rushing	174	Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Pass Attempts	32 (18 comp.)	Deacon Hill vs. Michigan, 12/2/23
Pass Completions	20 (31 att.)	Deacon Hill vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards Passing	223 (20-of-31)	Deacon Hill vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Receptions	8	Addison Ostrenga vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards Receiving	97	Erick All vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Yards Total Offense	223	Deacon Hill vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
All-Purpose Yards	174	Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Yards Punt Returns	77	Cooper DeJean vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Yards Kickoff Returns	88	Kaden Wetjen vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Field Goals Made	4	Drew Stevens vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Extra Points	4	Drew Stevens, vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Interceptions	1	9X, last Quinn Schulte vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Tackles	16	Jay Higgins vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Sacks	2.0	Logan Lee vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
TFL's	4.5	Joe Evans vs. Purdue, 10/7/23

TEAM OFFENSE (IOWA HIGHS)

Points	41	vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Rushing Attempts	48	at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Net Yards Rushing	254	vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/23
Pass Attempts	33 (18 comp.)	vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Pass Completions	20	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards Passing	223 (20-of-31)	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards Total Offense	402	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Total Plays	77	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
First Downs	21	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

TEAM DEFENSE (OPPONENTS LOWS)

Points	0	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Rushing Attempts	23	2X, last vs. Illinois, 11/18/23
Net Yards Rushing	34	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Pass Attempts	18 (7 comp.)	2X, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Pass Completions	7 (18 att.)	2X, last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Yards Passing	81 (12-of-20)	at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Yards Total Offense	127	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Total Plays	41	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
First Downs	7	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

LONGEST PLAYS

Run	82 (TD)	Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Reception	54	Zach Ortwerth vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23
Field Goal	53	Drew Stevens, 2X, last at Northwestern, 11/4/23
Interception Return	41	Cooper DeJean vs. Purdue, 10/7/23
Fumble Return	0	Jay Higgins at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Punt Return	70 (TD)	Cooper DeJean vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23
Kickoff Return	54	Kaleb Johnson vs. Utah State, 9/2/23
Scoring drive	90 (3 plays, 1:20, TD)	at Wisconsin, 10/14/23
Non-scoring drive	62 (8 plays, 1:14)	vs. Rutgers, 11/11/23

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

CAREER 300-YARD PERFORMANCES

PASSING

CADE MCNAMARA (1)

Date	Opponent	C-A	Yds.	TD	INT
*10/30/21	at Michigan State	28-44	383	2	1

**at Michigan*

CAREER 100-YARD PERFORMANCES

RUSHING

KALEB JOHNSON (4)

Date	Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD
9/17/22	Nevada	7	103	2
11/5/22	at Purdue	22	200	1
11/25/22	Nebraska	16	109	1
10/7/23	Purdue	17	134	1

LESHON WILLIAMS (3)

Date	Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD
9/16/23	Western Michigan	12	145	0
10/14/23	at Wisconsin	25	174	1
11/24/23	at Nebraska	16	111	0

RECEIVING

SETH ANDERSON (1)

Date	Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD
*9/3/22	Western Carolina	8	131	2

**at Charleston Southern*

CAREER DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLE GAMES

Name	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Nick Jackson	*7	*7	*6	2	22
Jay Higgins	--	--	1	9	10
Cooper DeJean	--	--	2	1	3
Logan Lee	--	--	--	1	1

**at Virginia*

CAREER SACKS

Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Joe Evans	4	1	7	6.5	5.5	24.0
Nick Jackson	*0.5	*2.5	*2.5	*5	4	14.5
Deontae Craig	--	--	1.5	6.5	3	11.0
Logan Lee	--	--	3	3	3	9.0
Yahya Black	--	--	--	1	4.5	5.5
Aaron Graves	--	--	--	2.5	1.5	4.0
Max Llewellyn	--	--	--	--	2.5	2.5
Sebastian Castro	--	--	--	1	1	2.0
Jay Higgins	--	--	--	0.5	1	1.5
Ethan Hurkett	--	--	--	1	--	1.0
Kyler Fisher	--	--	--	--	1	1.0
Xavier Nwankpa	--	--	--	--	1	1.0
Chris Reames	--	--	--	0.5	--	0.5

**at Virginia*

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Joe Evans	4	2	7	8.5	9.5	31.0
Nick Jackson	*1	*6	*6	*7	8	28.0
Logan Lee	--	--	5	8	5.5	18.5
Deontae Craig	--	--	3	10	5	18.0
Sebastian Castro	--	--	--	3	8	11.0
Noah Shannon	--	0.5	2	8.5	--	11.0
Aaron Graves	--	--	--	6	3.5	9.5
Ethan Hurkett	--	--	0.5	2	6	8.5
Yahya Black	--	0.5	--	1.5	5.0	7.0
Jay Higgins	--	--	--	1.5	4.0	5.5
Cooper DeJean	--	--	--	3	2	5.0
Kyler Fisher	--	--	--	--	3.5	3.5
Max Llewellyn	--	--	--	0.5	2.5	3.0
Quinn Schulte	--	--	--	0.5	2.5	3.0
Jermari Harris	--	--	1.5	--	1	2.5
Xavier Nwankpa	--	--	--	--	2	2.0
Jeremiah Pittman	--	--	--	1	--	1.0
Chris Reames	--	--	--	1	--	1.0
Karson Sharar	--	--	--	--	0.5	0.5
Brenden Deasfernandes	--	--	--	0.5	0.5	

**at Virginia*

CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL
Cooper DeJean	--	--	--	5	2	7
Jermari Harris	--	--	4	--	1	5
Sebastian Castro	--	--	--	--	3	3
Quinn Schulte	--	--	1	1	1	3
Xavier Nwankpa	--	--	--	1	1	2
Jay Higgins	--	--	--	--	1	1
Ethan Hurkett	--	--	--	--	1	1

BIG PLAYS/TURNOVERS FORCED

IOWA BIG PLAYS

	Rushing			Passing				Special Teams - Blocks		
Opponent	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40+**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**FG**	**XPT**	**PUNT**
Utah State	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Western Michigan	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
at Penn State	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan State	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rutgers	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Illinois	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**5**	**3**	**5**	**11**	**9**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0**	**2**

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

	Rushing			Passing				Special Teams - Blocks		
Opponent	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40+**	**20-29**	**30-39**	**40-49**	**50+**	**FG**	**XPT**	**Punt**
Utah State	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
at Iowa State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Western Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan State	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purdue	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rutgers	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
at Nebraska	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
vs. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	**2**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**1**

TURNOVERS FORCED

	Iowa					Opponent			
Opponent	**Fum**	**Int**	**Tot**	**Pts Off**	**Margin**	**Fum**	**Int**	**Tot**	**Pts Off**
Utah State	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
at Iowa State	0	1	1	7	0	0	1	1	0
Western Michigan	1	0	1	7	-1	0	2	2	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0	-4	4	0	4	10
Michigan State	1	3	4	10	2	1	1	2	7
Purdue	0	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	0
at Wisconsin	1	1	2	3	2	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	-3	2	1	3	3
at Northwestern	0	0	0	0	-1	0	1	1	0
Rutgers	0	1	1	7	0	0	1	1	0
Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Nebraska	2	1	3	6	2	0	1	1	0
vs. Michigan	0	0	0	0	-3	3	0	0	10
TOTALS	**5**	**10**	**15**	**46**	**-4**	**10**	**9**	**16**	**30**

2023 20-YARD+ PLAYS

RUSHING

Yds	Player	Opponent
82 (TD)	Leshon Williams	at Wisconsin
67 (TD)	Kaleb Johnson	Purdue
59	Jaziun Patterson	at Iowa State
53	Leshon Williams	Western Michigan
53	Leshon Williams	at Nebraska
33	Kaleb Johnson	Purdue
30 (TD)	Kaleb Johnson	Illinois
30	Seth Anderson	Western Michigan
28	Leshon Williams	Western Michigan
27	Kaleb Johnson	Rutgers
24	Leshon Williams	Rutgers
22	Leshon Williams	at Nebraska
21	Kaleb Johnson	Utah State

PASSING

Yds	Player(s)	Opponent
54	Hill to Ortwerth	Rutgers
37	Hill to Stilianos	at Nebraska
36 (TD)	McNamara to Anderson	Utah State
36	Hill to Vines	Minnesota
35	McNamara to Lachey	Iowa State
34	McNamara to All	Western Michigan
33	Hill to All	Purdue
32	Hill to All	Michigan State
31	Hill to Brown	Illinois
31	McNamara to Lachey	Utah State
29	McNamara to Ragaini	Utah State
27	Hill to All	Purdue
25 (TD)	McNamara to Williams	Western Michigan
23	Hill to Brown	at Northwestern
23	McNamara to Vines	Michigan State
23	McNamara to All	at Iowa State
22 (TD)	Hill to All	Purdue
21	Hill to Anderson	Rutgers
21	Hill to Stilianos	Western Michigan
20	McNamara to All	at Penn State

INT RETURN

Yds	Player	Opponent
41	Cooper DeJean	Purdue
39	Quinn Schulte	Rutgers
30 (TD)	Sebastian Castro	at Iowa State

KICKOFF RETURN

Yds	Player	Opponent
54	Kaleb Johnson	Utah State
35	Kaden Wetjen	Western Michigan
29	Kaden Wetjen	at Wisconsin
29	Kaden Wetjen	at Wisconsin
28	Kaden Wetjen	Michigan
26	Kaden Wetjen	Michigan
25	Kaden Wetjen	at Nebraska
25	Kaden Wetjen	Minnesota
24	Kaden Wetjen	at Northwestern
23	Kaleb Johnson	at Iowa State
23	Kaden Wetjen	Western Michigan
21	Kaden Wetjen	Illinois
20	Max White	Michigan State

GAME-BY-GAME LONGEST PLAYS

IOWA

Yds	Opponent	Player(s)
27	South Dakota State	Arland Bruce IV, reception
54	Utah State	Kaleb Johnson, kickoff return
59	Iowa State	Jaziun Patterson, run
53	W. Michigan	Leshon Williams, run
20	Penn State	Erick All, reception
70	Michigan State	Cooper DeJean, punt return (TD)
67	Purdue	Kaleb Johnson, run (TD)
82	Wisconsin	Leshon Williams, run (TD)
36	Minnesota	Diante Vines, reception
24	Northwestern	Kaden Wetjen, kickoff return
54	Rutgers	Zach Ortwerth, reception
31	Illinois	Kaleb Brown, reception
37	Nebraska	Steven Stilianos, reception
28	Michigan	Kaden Wetjen, kick return

OPPONENT

Yds	Opponent	Player(s)
39	Utah State	Terell Vaughn, reception
16	Iowa State	Jayden Higgins, reception
64	W. Michigan	Anthony Sambucci, reception (TD)
19	Penn State	Nicholas Singleton, run
20	Michigan State	Tre Mosley, reception
43	Purdue	TJ Sheffield, reception (TD)
42	Wisconsin	Bryson Green, reception
39	Minnesota	Daniel Jackson, reception
18	Northwestern	Bryce Kirtz, reception
29	Rutgers	Ian Strong, reception
32	Illinois	Isaiah Williams, reception
66	Nebraska	Jaylen Lloyd, reception (TD)
87	Michigan	Samaj Morgan, punt return

LONGEST PLAYS BY LENGTH & PLAY TYPE

Yards	No.	TD
20-29	30	2
30-39	15	3
40-49	1	0
50-59	5	0
60-69	1	1
70-79	1	1
80-89	1	1
90+	0	0
TOTAL	**54**	**8**

Type	No.	TD
Rushing	13	3
Passing	20	3
Punt Returns	5	1
Kick Returns	13	0
Int. Returns	3	1
Fumble Returns	0	0
Other	0	0
TOTAL	**54**	**8**

PUNT RETURN

Yds	Player	Opponent
70 (TD)	Cooper DeJean	Michigan State
28	Cooper DeJean	Western Michigan
28	Cooper DeJean	Western Michigan
25	Cooper DeJean	Purdue
21	Kaden Wetjen	Michigan

SUPERLATIVES UNDER FERENTZ

MOST POINTS

1. 63 at Illinois 11/17/18
2. 62 vs. North Texas..... 9/25/15
   62 vs. Northwestern 11/9/02
4. 59 vs. Western Michigan..... 9/21/13
   59 vs. Northwestern 11/10/01
6. 57 vs. Akron..... 8/31/02
7. 56 at Nebraska..... 11/24/17
   56 vs. Ball State..... 9/3/05
   56 vs. Buffalo..... 9/6/03

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

1. 0 vs. Rutgers 11/11/23
   0 vs. Kentucky..... 12/31/22
   0 vs. Nevada 9/17/22
   0 at Northwestern..... 10/26/19
   0 vs. Rutgers 9/7/19
   0 at Illinois..... 11/17/18
   0 vs. Maryland..... 10/20/18
   0 at Illinois..... 11/19/16
   0 vs. Ball State 9/26/10
   0 vs. Minnesota 11/21/09
   0 at Minnesota..... 11/22/08
   0 vs. Florida International..... 9/6/08
   0 vs. Syracuse..... 9/8/07
   0 vs. Ball State 9/3/05
   0 vs. Kent State..... 9/1/01
   0 vs. Northern Illinois..... 9/18/99

MOST FIRST DOWNS

1. 30 vs. Middle Tennessee 9/28/19
   30 vs. Kent State..... 9/1/01
3. 29 at Iowa State 9/9/17
   29 vs. Indiana..... 9/30/00
   29 vs. Indiana..... 10/23/99
6. 28 vs. North Texas..... 9/16/17
   28 at Purdue..... 11/9/13
   28 vs. Louisiana-Monroe..... 9/24/11
   28 vs. Ball State..... 9/26/10
   28 at Indiana 10/11/08
   28 vs. Minnesota..... 11/19/05
   28 vs. Buffalo..... 9/6-03

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS ALLOWED

1. 5 vs. Rutgers 9/7/19
   5 vs. Syracuse..... 9/8/07
3. 6 vs. South Dakota State..... 9/3/22
   6 vs. Eastern Illinois..... 9/4/10
   6 at Minnesota..... 11/22/08
   6 vs. Penn State 10/23/04
7. 7 vs. Rutgers 11/11/23
   7 vs. Maryland..... 10/20/18
9. 8 vs. Western Michigan 9/16/23
   8 vs. Ball State 9/26/10
   8 vs. Arizona 9/19/09
12. 9 at Purdue 9/27/14
   9 vs. Western Michigan..... 9/21/13
   9 vs. Georgia Tech..... 1/5/10
   9 vs. Penn State 10/25/03

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

1. 60 at Iowa State 9/14/13
   60 vs. Kent State..... 9/4/04
3. 59 vs. North Texas..... 9/16/17
   59 vs. Northwestern 11/10/01
5. 58 vs. Western Michigan..... 9/21/13
   58 vs. Missouri State..... 9/7/13
7. 56 vs. Minnesota..... 11/16/02
8. 55 at Illinois 11/15/14
9. 53 at Purdue..... 10/15/16
   53 vs. Minnesota..... 11/17/01
11. 52 vs. Illinois 11/21/21
   52 vs. Maryland..... 10/20/18
   52 at Purdue..... 11/9/13

FEWEST RUSHING ATT., OPP.

1. 17 by Maryland 10-1/21
   17 by North Texas..... 9/16/17
   17 by Miami (Ohio) 9/7/02
4. 18 by USC..... 12/27/19
   18 by Purdue..... 10/19/19
6. 19 by Iowa State 9/14/19
   19 by Kent State..... 9/4/05
8. 20 by Western Michigan 9/21/13
   20 by Michigan State 10/30/10
   20 by Michigan..... 10/26/02
   20 by Utah State 9/21/02
   20 by Texas Tech 11/29/01

MOST RUSHING YARDS

1. 376 vs. Akron..... 8/31/02
2. 365 at Purdue 10/15/16
   365 vs. Minnesota 11/16/02
4. 351 vs. Middle Tennessee..... 9/28/19
5. 318 at Purdue 11/9/13
6. 313 at Nebraska 11/24/17
7. 304 at Illinois..... 11/15/14
8. 301 vs. Illinois..... 10/1/05
9. 300 vs. Utah State..... 9/21/02
10. 298 vs. Missouri State 9/7/13

FEWEST RUSHING YDS ALLOWED

1. -13 vs. Kent State..... 9/4/04
2. 6 vs. Northern Iowa 9/15/18
3. 7 at Minnesota..... 11/22/08
4. 10 vs. Montana..... 9/2/06
5. 14 vs. Miami (Ohio) 9/7/02
6. 18 vs. Northwestern 10/29/22
7. 19 vs. Iowa State 9/8/18
   19 vs. Wisconsin..... 10/12/05
9. 22 vs. USC..... 12/27/19

MOST PASSES ATTEMPTED

1 61 vs. Indiana..... 10/23/99
2. 56 at Maryland 10/18/14
3. 55 vs. Ball State..... 9/6/14
   55 vs. Florida 1/1/06
5. 50 at Penn State..... 10/27/18
6. 51 vs. Northwestern 10/31/20
   51 vs. Minnesota..... 11/20/99
8. 48 vs. Pittsburgh..... 9/17/11
9. 47 vs. Michigan State..... 11/12/11
10. 46 vs. Michigan State..... 10/5/13
   46 vs. Purdue..... 11/6/04

MOST PASSES COMPLETED

1. 36 vs. Indiana..... 9/30/99
2. 35 vs. Ball State..... 9/6/14
3. 32 at Maryland 10/18/14
   32 vs. Florida 1/1/06
5. 31 vs. Northern Iowa..... 8/30/14
   31 vs. Pittsburgh..... 9/17/11
7. 30 vs. Indiana..... 9/30/00
8. 29 vs. Ohio State..... 10/30/99
9. 28 vs. Minnesota..... 11/20/99

SUPERLATIVES UNDER FERENTZ

FEWEST PASSES ATT., OPP.

1. 9 by Georgia Tech 1/5/10
2. 10 by Northwestern 10/27/12
3. 13 by Nebraska 9/23/00
   13 by Iowa State 9/11/99
5. 14 by Wisconsin 11/22/14
   14 by Minnesota 11/8/14
   14 by Northwestern 10/26/13
   14 by Nebraska 11/23/12
9. 15 by Minnesota 11/19/22
   15 by Nebraska 9/4/99
11. 16 by Maryland 10/20/18
    16 by Northern Illinois 9/1/12
    16 by Wisconsin 11/13/99

FEWEST PASSES COMP., OPP.

1. 2 by Georgia Tech 1/5/10
2. 6 by Maryland 10/20/18
   6 by Northern Illinois 9/1/12
   6 by Iowa State 9/11/99
5. **7 by Rutgers 11/11/23**
   7 by Western Michigan 9/16/23
   7 by Minnesota 11/19/22
   7 by LSU 1/1/14
   7 by Indiana 10/11/14
   7 by Northwestern 10/27/12
   7 by Syracuse 9/8/07
   7 by Buffalo 9/6/03
13. 8 by Nebraska 11/23/12
    8 by Ball State 9/26/10
15. 9 by Minnesota 10/28/17
    9 by Northwestern 11/1/14
    9 by Maine 8/30/08
    9 by Penn State 11/13/04
    9 by Minnesota 10/23/04

MOST PASSING YARDS

1. 426 vs. Indiana 10/23/99
2. 399 vs. Pittsburgh 9/17/11
3. 380 vs. Indiana 9/30/00
4. 377 vs. Minnesota 11/19/05
5. 364 at Minnesota 11/18/06
6. 357 vs. Purdue 10/8/05

FEWEST PASSING YDS ALLOWED

1. 12 vs. Georgia Tech 1/5/10
2. 47 vs. Rutgers 9/7/19
   47 vs. Maryland 10/20/18
4. 54 vs. Northern Illinois 9/1/12
5. 56 vs. Ball State 9/26/10
6. 58 vs. Buffalo 9/6/03
7. 63 vs. Nebraska 11/23/12
8. 72 at Purdue 9/27/14
9. 73 vs. Minnesota 11/20/04
10. 74 vs. Maryland 10/31/15
11. 75 vs. Northwestern 11/1/14
12. 79 vs. Syracuse 9/8/07
13. **81 at Northwestern 11/4/23**
14. 82 vs. Nevada 9/17/22
    82 at Illinois 11/17/18

MOST TOTAL OFFENSE

1. 644 vs. Middle Tennessee 9/28/19
2. 613 vs. Minnesota 11/19/05
3. 602 vs. Northwestern 11/10/01
4. 593 vs. Akron 8/31/02
5. 587 at Illinois 11/14/14
6. 562 vs. Ball State 9/26/10
7. 552 vs. Indiana 10/23/99
8. 546 at Minnesota 11/18/06
9. 545 vs. Northern Iowa 9/15/18

FEWEST TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED

1. 103 vs. Syracuse 9/8/07
2. 110 vs. Kent State 9/4/04
3. 112 vs. Ball State 9/26/10
4. 115 vs. Maryland 10/20/18
5. 120 vs. South Dakota State 9/3/22
6. 125 vs. Rutgers 9/7/19
7. 127 vs. Rutgers 11/11/23
8. 134 at Minnesota 11/22/08
9. 144 vs. Montana 9/2/06
   144 vs. Ball State 9/3/05

PUNTING AVERAGE (MIN. OF 4)

1. 53.0 at Northwestern 10/21/17
2. **52.3 at Penn State 9/23/23**
3. 51.8 at Purdue 11/5/22
4. **51.6 vs. Illinois 11/18/23**
5. 51.5 vs. Western Michigan 9/9/00
6. 51.1 at Iowa State 9/11/21
7. 51.0 vs. Arizona 9/19/09
8. 50.7 vs. Iowa State 9/10/22
9. **50.6 at Wisconsin 10/14/23**
10. **50.4 vs. Michigan 12/2/23**
11. 50.2 vs. Penn State 11/4/00
12. 50.0 vs. Kentucky 1/1/22
    50.0 vs. Wisconsin 11/13/99

MOST TIME OF POSSESION

1. 41:53 vs. Kent State 9/4/04
2. 40:55 vs. Maryland 10/20/18
3. 40:45 vs. North Texas 9/16/17
4. 39:00 at Maryland 10/1/21
5. 38:42 vs. Northern Illinois 9/1/12
6. 38:27 vs. Michigan 10/26/02
7. **38:22 vs. Rutgers 11/11/23**
8. 38:18 vs. Missouri State 9/7/13
9. 38:07 at Indiana 10/11/08
10. 38:03 at Iowa State 9/14/13
11. 37:56 vs. Arizona 9/19/09
12. 37:38 vs. Rutgers 9/7/19
13. 37:37 at Minnesota 11/22/08
14. 37:36 vs. Nebraska 11/28/14

Bold denotes 2023

2023 STARTERS

OFFENSE

Opponent	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	QB	RB	TE	WR	WR	TE/WR/RB
Utah State	Richman	DeJong	Jones	Colby	Dunker	McNamara	Johnson	Lachey	Vines	Anderson	All
at Iowa State	Richman	DeJong	Jones	Colby	Dunker	McNamara	Williams	Lachey	Brown	Anderson	All
W. Michigan	Richman	DeJong	Jones	Colby	Dunker	McNamara	Patterson	Lachey	Vines	Anderson	All
at Penn State	Richman	DeJong	Jones	Colby	Dunker	McNamara	Williams	All	Vines	Anderson	Stillianos
Michigan State	Richman	Feth	Jones	DeJong	Dunker	McNamara	Williams	All	Vines	Anderson	Stilianos
Purdue	Richman	Feth	Jones	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Johnson	All	Vines	Anderson	Stilianos
at Wisconsin	Richman	Feth	Jones	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Johnson	All	Vines	Anderson	Stilianos
Minnesota	Richman	Feth	Jones	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Williams	Stilianos	Vines	Anderson	Large
at Northwestern	Richman	Feth	Jones	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Williams	Stilianos	Vines	Ragaini	Ostrenga
Rutgers	Richman	DeJong	Jones	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Williams	Pascuzzi	Brown	Ragaini	Ostrenga
Illinois	Richman	Feth	Jones	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Williams	Ostrenga	Brown	Ragaini	Large
at Nebraska	Richman	Feth	Elsbury	Colby	Dunker	Hill	Johnson	Ostrenga	Stilianos	Ragaini	Pascuzzi
vs. Michigan	Richman	Feth	Jones	Colby	DeJong	Hill	Johnson	Ostrenga	Brown	Ragaini	Ortwerth
CONS. STARTS	**29**	**3**	**1**	**8**	**1**	**8**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**5**	**1**
CAREER STARTS	**38**	**42**	**25**	**35**	**23**	**8**	**11**	**5**	**4**	**23**	**1**

DEFENSE

Opponent	DE	DT	DT	DE	WLB	MLB	LEO/CASH	CB	CB	SS	FS
Utah State	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Lee	Nwankpa	Schulte
at Iowa State	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Lee	Nwankpa	Schulte
W. Michigan	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
at Penn State	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Fisher	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
Michigan State	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
Purdue	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
at Wisconsin	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
Minnesota	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
at Northwestern	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
Rutgers	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	DeJean	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
Illinois	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Castro	Lee	Harris	Nwankpa	Schulte
at Nebraska	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Fisher	Lee	Harris	Castro	Schulte
vs. Michigan	Evans	Lee	Black	Craig	Jackson	Higgins	Fisher	Lee	Harris	Castro	Schulte
CONS. STARTS	**26**	**40**	**13**	**13**	**13**	**13**	**2**	**3**	**11**	**9**	**26**
CAREER STARTS	**26**	**40**	**14**	**14**	**59**	**15**	**3**	**5**	**17**	**20**	**26**

STARTS BY POSITION

QUARTERBACKS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Deacon Hill	8	8	-	-	-	-
Joe Labas	1	-	1	-	-	-
Cade McNamara	21	5	1	14	1	-

RUNNING BACKS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Kaleb Johnson	11	5	6	-	-	-
Jaziun Patterson	1	1	-	-	-	-
Leshon Williams	12	7	5	-	-	-

FULLBACKS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Eli Miller	1	-	1	-	-	-
Hayden Large	2	2	-	-	-	-

RECEIVERS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Seth Anderson	17	8	9	0	-	-
Kaleb Brown	4	4	-	-	-	-
Nico Ragaini	23	5	7	7	2	2
Diante Vines	13	8	5	-	-	-
Alec Wick	2	-	2	-	-	-

TIGHT ENDS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19	'18
Erick All	18	6	2	8	2	-	-
Luke Lachey	13	3	10	-	-	-	-
Steven Stilianos	29	7	-	4	3	9	6
Addison Ostrenga	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Johhny Pascuzzi	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Zach Ortwerth	1	1	-	-	-	-	-

OFFENSIVE LINE

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Connor Colby	35	11	13	11	-	-
Nick DeJong	23	6	8	11	-	-
Gennings Dunker	12	12	-	-	-	-
Tyler Elsbury	3	1	2	-	-	-
Rusty Feth	42	8	12	13	3	6
Logan Jones	25	12	13	-	-	-
Mason Richman	38	13	13	12	-	-
Beau Stephens	10	-	10	-	-	-

DEFENSIVE END

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Joe Evans	26	13	13	-	-	-
Deontae Craig	13	13	-	-	-	-

DEFENSIVE LINE

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Yahya Black	13	13	-	-	-	-
Logan Lee	40	13	13	14	-	-

LINEBACKERS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Sebastian Castro	18	10	8	-	-	-
Cooper DeJean	3	-	3	-	-	-
Kyler Fisher	3	3	-	-	-	-
Jay Higgins	14	13	1	-	-	-
Nick Jackson	59	13	9	12	10	2

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Name	Career	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19
Sebastian Castro	2	2	-	-	-	-
Cooper DeJean	20	10	10	-	-	-
JerMari Harris	17	11	-	6	0	0
Deshaun Lee	5	5	-	-	-	-
Xavier Nwankpa	13	12	1	-	-	-
Quinn Schulte	26	13	13	-	-	-

UTAH STATE

UTAH STATE (0-1) at #25 IOWA (1-0)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 -- DUKE SLATER FIELD AT KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Utah State	0	3	3	8	14
#25 Iowa	14	3	0	7	24

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 80 Degrees
TIME OF GAME: 3:33

IOWA NOTES

- No. 25 Iowa (1-0) defeated Utah State (0-1), 24-14, in its season opener on Saturday inside Kinnick Stadium.
- Iowa is now 100-33-2 in season opener, including 21-4 all-time under head coach Kirk Ferentz.
- The win is Ferentz's 199th career victory and his 187th win at Iowa.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB Cade McNamara completed 17-of-30 attempts (56.6 percent) for 191 yards and two touchdowns in his Iowa debut (17th career start).
- McNamara had a 36-yard touchdown pass on his first career attempt as a Hawkeye. He is the first Iowa quarterback since Chuck Long in 1983 to have a touchdown pass on his first completion of the season (24 yards to Norm Granger against Iowa State).
- TE Luke Lachey tied a career high with seven receptions for 73 yards, including a 31-yarder in the fourth quarter.
- Iowa's tight ends (Lachey and Erick All) combined for 10 catches for 88 yards and one touchdown.
- RB Kaleb Johnson led Iowa's rushing attack with 63 yards on 19 attempts, including a 3-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. It is Johnson's seventh career rushing touchdown.
- Johnson also had a career-long 54-yard kickoff return on the opening kickoff of the 2023 season.
- WR Seth Anderson had a 36-yard touchdown reception and TE Erick All had a 3-yard touchdown reception – both players' first career receptions at Iowa.
- LB Jay Higgins had a career high 16 tackles, including 12 solo stops. It was his second career game with 10 or more tackles.
- DB Xavier Nwankpa had his second career interception in the second quarter. Nwankpa has two interceptions in two career starts.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa's opening drive touchdown pass was the first to open a season since 1991 vs. Hawaii (Matt Rodgers-to-Danan Hughes). It is the first time in the Kirk Ferentz era that Iowa opened the season with a passing touchdown.
- Iowa had touchdowns on consecutive drives for the first time since Nov. 5, 2022, at Purdue and it is the first time the unit had two first-quarter touchdowns in the opening quarter since Nevada (9/17/22).
- DL Deontae Craig, DL Yahya Black and DB Deshaun Lee made their first career starts. QB Cade McNamara, TE Erick All and LB Nick Jackson made their first career starts as Hawkeyes.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
14:18 - IOWA - Seth Anderson, 36-yard pass from McNamara (2 plays, 39 yards, 0:33)
7:44 - IOWA - Erick All, 3-yard pass from McNamara (11 plays, 75 yards, 4:31)

Second Quarter
11:03 - UTAH ST - Testa, 32-yard FG (16 plays, 56 yards 5:59)
0:07 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 20-yard FG (11 plays, 47 yards, 3:47)

Third Quarter
12:02 - UTAH ST - Nimrod, 45-yard FG (7 plays, 47 yards, 2:58)

Fourth Quarter
10:17 - IOWA - Kaleb Johnson, 3-yard rush (10 plays, 68 yards, 4:43)
1:36 - UTAH ST - T. Vaughn, 16-yard pass from Legas (3 plays, 70 yards, 0:31)

TEAM STATS

UTAH STATE	TEAM STATS	IOWA
19	First Downs	18
24-116	Rushes-Yards	36-88
213	Passing Yards	196
32-48-1	Com-Att-Int	18-33-0
72-329	Total Offense	69-284
6-44.3	Punts-Avg.	7-47.0
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
10-91	Penalties-Yards	7-50
27:48	Possession Time	32:12

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
UTAH ST: Rahsul Faison 7-59, Davon Booth 8-33
IOWA: Kaleb Johnson 19-63 (1 TD), Kaden Wetjen 3-22

PASSING:
UTAH ST: Cooper Legas, 32-48, 213 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT
IOWA: Cade McNamara, 17-30, 191 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT

RECEIVING:
UTAH ST: Terrell Vaughn 12-93 (1 TD), Jalen Royals 5-39
IOWA: Luke Lachey 7-73, Erick All 3-15 (1 TD), Seth Anderson 2-41 (1 TD)

TACKLES:
UTAH ST: MJ Tafisi 12, Simeon Harris 8, Anthony Switzer 8
IOWA: Jay Higgins 16, Cooper DeJean 7, Deshaun Lee 6

AT IOWA STATE

IOWA (2-0) at IOWA STATE (1-1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 -- MIDAMERICAN ENERGY FIELD AT JACK TRICE STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Iowa	3	14	3	0	20
Iowa State	0	3	0	10	13

ATTENDANCE: 61,500
TEMPERATURE: 80 Degrees
TIME OF GAME: 3:07

IOWA NOTES

- The win is head coach Kirk Ferentz's 200th career victory and his 188th at Iowa. He is the 27th head coach to reach the 200-win milestone at an FBS institution.
- Iowa has won six straight games over Iowa State in Ames and seven of the last eight meetings overall. The Hawkeyes are now 47-23 all-time against Iowa State.
- Iowa now leads the Iowa Corn Cy-Hawk Series, 5-2, through the first three matchups during the 2023-24 season.
- In three out of the last four meetings, the outcome has been decided by one score.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Jaziun Patterson had a career-best 86 rushing yards on 10 attempts, including a 4-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. It was the first touchdown run of his career.
- Patterson had a career-long 59-yard run on third-and-1 on Iowa's opening possession. The 59-yard rush is the second-longest rush dating back to the 2022 season.
- TE Luke Lachey had three receptions for a team-high 58 yards and TE Erick All had three catches for 32 yards. In two games, the tight end duo has 16 receptions for 178 yards and one touchdown.
- CASH Sebastian Castro had a 30-yard interception return for a touchdown to give Iowa a 17-0 lead. It was Castro's first career interception and his second career defensive touchdown (fumble return at Rutgers).
- DL Logan Lee blocked Iowa State's Chase Contreraz's field goal on the opening possession of the game. It is the second blocked kick of Lee's career (vs. Minnesota). Iowa has blocked a kick/punt in each of the last three seasons.
- DB Cooper DeJean had 10 tackles, including six solo stops. It is the third time in his career he has had 10 or more tackles.
- K Drew Stevens went 2-for-2 on field goal attempts. It is the sixth time in Stevens' career he has made two or more field goals. The North Carolina native is 3-for-3 on field goal attempts this season.
- Stevens is 19-of-21 in field goal attempts for his Hawkeye career.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa extended its pick-6 streak to 16 consecutive seasons (and 21 of the last 23 years) with Sebastian Castro's 30-yard pick 6 in the second quarter. The streak is the second longest nationally.
- Iowa's defense has allowed one touchdown or less in 11 of its last 15 games, dating back to the start of the 2022 season. The Hawkeyes allowed one touchdown (and two field goals) in its season-opening 24-14 triumph over Utah State on Sept. 2 in Kinnick Stadium. Since the start of the 2015 season, Iowa is now 65-2 when leading by eight points at any point in a game.
- The Hawkeyes scored on their opening possession in back-to-back games (TD vs. Utah State, FG vs. Iowa State).
- Iowa had an eight-play, 80-yard scoring drive on its second possession – it's longest scoring drive of the season.
- Iowa didn't commit a penalty in the game (and there were only two penalties in the game). It is the second time in the last five games that the Hawkeyes didn't commit a penalty (at Minnesota, 2022).

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
5:56 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 28-yard FG (7 plays, 70 yards, 2:44)

Second Quarter
13:39 - IOWA - Jaziun Patterson, 4-yard rush (8 plays, 80 yards, 4:40)
4:29 - IOWA - Sebastian Castro, 30-yard INT return (0:50)
0:04 - ISU - Chase Contreraz, 42-yard FG (11 plays, 51 yards, 4:25)

Third Quarter
3:57 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 34-yd FG (11 plays, 69 yards, 5:48)

Fourth Quarter
13:18 - ISU - Chase Contreraz, 46-yard FG (8 plays, 31 yards, 2:31)
2:53 - ISU - Jayden Higgins, 16-yard pass from Becht (14 plays, 80 yards, 6:59)

TEAM STATS

IOWA	TEAM STATS	IOWA STATE
9	First Downs	19
29-112	Rushes-Yards	31-87
123	Passing Yards	203
12-22-1	Com-Att-Int	23-44-1
51-235	Total Offense	75-290
6-46.3	Punts-Avg.	6-51.8
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
0-0	Penalties-Yards	2-24
26:30	Possession Time	33:30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Jaziun Patterson 10-86 1 TD, Kaleb Johnson 15-28
ISU: Cartevious Norton 21-59, Abu Sama 8-24

PASSING:
IOWA: Cade McNamara, 12-22, 123 yards, 1 INT
ISU: Rocco Becht, 23-44, 203 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Luke Lachey 3-58, Erick All 3-32
ISU: Jayden Higgins 8-95, Jaydin Noel 8-50

TACKLES:
IOWA: Cooper DeJean 10, Deshaun Lee 9, Nick Jackson 9
ISU: Beau Freyler 10, Jeremiah Cooper 6, T.J. Tampa 5

WESTERN MICHIGAN

WESTERN MICHIGAN (1-2) at #25/24 IOWA (3-0)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 -- DUKE SLATER FIELD AT KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Western Michigan	7	3	0	0	10
#25/24 Iowa	0	14	17	10	41

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 78 degrees
TIME OF GAME: 3:51

IOWA NOTES

- It is the 11th time in head coach Kirk Ferentz's Iowa tenure that the team has started the season with a 3-0 record (2023, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2009, 2008, 2006, 2003, 2001). The Hawkeyes went 3-1 in nonconference play in 2008 and 4-0 in both 2003 and 2006.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Leshon Williams recorded his first career 100-yard game, finishing with 145 yards on 12 attempts. Williams also had a 25-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter – his first career receiving touchdown (and third TD overall). He finished the game with 172 all-purpose yards.
- Williams had a career-long 53-yard run in the second quarter to set up Iowa's first touchdown. It is Iowa's second rush of 50+ yards this season. (The Hawkeyes had two 50+ yard runs in 13 games in 2022.)
- Williams' 25-yard reception was a career long.
- WR Diante Vines had a 3-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. It was Vines' first career touchdown.
- True freshman RB Kamari Moulton had two touchdowns – one from 3-yards out and a second from 1-yard out -- in his first collegiate game. Moulton rushed for 50 yards on eight attempts.
- The last Hawkeye freshman to have two rushing touchdowns was Kaleb Johnson vs. Nevada in 2022.
- Moulton is the first Hawkeye with two or more touchdowns in his collegiate debut since Jewell Hampton in the 2008 season opener against Maine.
- RB Max White scored his first collegiate touchdown, scoring from 2 yards out in the fourth quarter.
- QB Cade McNamara completed 9-of-19 attempts for 103 yards and two touchdowns, tying a season high. McNamara has four touchdowns (to three interceptions) this season.
- DT Anterio Thompson blocked a WMU punt in the third quarter – his first career punt block – that resulted in a safety. It was Thompson's first career game as a Hawkeye.
- It is the first safety of the season and the first for the program since recording two safeties against South Dakota State in the 2022 season opener.
- Iowa has blocked two kicks this season (one punt, one field goal) and the defense/special teams have scored eight points.
- LB Jay Higgins and LB Nick Jackson combined for 18 total tackles.
- Higgins forced a fumble – the first of his career -- in the third quarter and DL Jeremiah Pittman recovered, giving Iowa possession at the WMU 17. It was Pittman's first career fumble recovery.
- Jackson tied for the team high with nine tackles and had a forced fumble.
- RB Jaziun Patterson made his first career start.
- WR Jarriett Buie, RB Kamari Moulton, RB Terrell Washington, Jr., LB Nolan DeLong, DB John Nestor and DB Zach Lutmer became the first Hawkeye freshmen to appear in a game this season.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Hawkeyes rushed for 254 yards – a season high – and the most by the offense since 2019 vs. Middle Tennessee State (358 yards).
- Iowa scored a season-high 41 points – the most for the program since 2021 at Maryland (51).
- Iowa's defense surrendered just 35 yards and allowed one first down in the second half. WMU had 239 yards of total offense – the fewest allowed by the Hawkeye defense this season. The Hawkeyes have allowed one touchdown or less in 12 of its last 16 games, dating back to the start of the 2022 season.
- Iowa converted a 2-point conversion (McNamara to All) in the third quarter to make the score 24-10. It is Iowa's first 2-point conversion since 2020 against Wisconsin.
- Since the start of the 2015 season, Iowa is now 66-2 when leading by eight points at any point in a game.
- The Hawkeyes have held their last seven nonconference opponents to 14 or fewer points dating back to last season, the longest active streak by any FBS team. It is the longest streak by Iowa in the Kirk Ferentz era (since 1999).

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
5:40 - WMU - Sambucci, 64-yard pass from Bourguet (4 plays, 96 yards, 1:55)

Second Quarter
8:26 - IOWA - Diante Vines, 3-yard pass from Cade McNamara (5 plays, 66 yards, 2:35)
4:45 - WMU - Domschke, 27-yard FG (9 plays, 66 yards, 3:41)
1:29 - IOWA - Leshon Williams, 25-yard pass from Cade McNamara (1 play, 25 yards, 0:08)

Third Quarter
7:30 - IOWA - Anterio Thompson safety (1:47)
4:02 - IOWA - Kamari Moulton, 3-yard run (Erick All pass from Cade McNamara), 6 plays, 53 yards, 3:21)
2:10 - IOWA - Kamari Moulton - 1-yard run (3 plays, 17 yards, 1:28)

Fourth Quarter
5:20 - IOWA - Drew Stevens - 31-yard FG (9 plays, 56 yards, 4:12)
0:30 - IOWA - Max White, 2-yard run (6 plays, 33 yards, 2:42)

TEAM STATS

WESTERN MICHIGAN	TEAM STATS	IOWA
8	First Downs	19
36-117	Rushes-Yards	43-254
122	Passing Yards	133
7-18-0	Com-Att-Int	11-22-2
54-239	Total Offense	65-387
8-37.4	Punts-Avg.	4-41.8
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
8-64	Penalties-Yards	1-5
26:07	Possession Time	33:53

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
WMU: Treyson Bourguet 8-32; Zahir Abdus-Salaam 10-31
IOWA: Leshon Williams 12-145; Kamari Moulton 8-50, 2 TD

PASSING:
WMU: Treyson Bourguet, 5-16, 124, 1 TD; Jack Salopek, 2-2, -2
IOWA: Cade McNamara, 9-19, 103 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT; Deacon Hill, 2-3, 30 yards

RECEIVING:
WMU: Kenneth Womack, 2-11; Anthony Sambucci 1-64
IOWA: Steven Stilianos, 2-29; Leshon Williams, 2-27

TACKLES:
WMU: Damari Robinson 8, Tate Hallock 8
IOWA: Nick Jackson 9, Jay Higgins 9, Quinn Schulte/Yahya Black 6

AT PENN STATE

#24/22 IOWA (3-1, 0-1) at #7/7 PENN STATE (4-0, 2-0)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 -- BEAVER STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#24/22 Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
#7/7 Penn State	3	7	14	7	31

ATTENDANCE: 110,830
TEMPERATURE: 53 degrees, rainy
TIME OF GAME: 3:04

IOWA NOTES

- The announced attendance of 110,830 is the eighth-largest road crowd Iowa has played in front of in program history. The figure is the second biggest in Penn State history.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Iowa's three linebackers – Jay Higgins, Nick Jackson and Kyler Fisher – combined for 38 tackles in the game.
- Higgins finished with 18 tackles (10 in the first half), including 10 solo stops. It is his second game this season (and third of his career) finishing with 10 or more stops.
- Higgins' 18 tackles are the most by a Hawkeye since Jack Campbell had 18 against Colorado State in 2021.
- Jackson had a season-high 13 tackles, including 2.5 tackles for loss. It is his first game with 10 or more tackles as a Hawkeye and 21st game in his career.
- Fisher had a career-high seven tackles.
- DL Ethan Hurkett had a career-high nine tackles. DL Yahya Black and DL Joe Evans both had career-highs with seven tackles.
- P Tory Taylor had a season-long 62-yard punt in the second quarter. Taylor punted seven times for 366 yards for a career-best 52.3 average.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa was shut out for the first time since 2000.
- The Hawkeye defense finished with a season-high six tackles for loss, including a team-best 2.5 TFL for LB Nick Jackson.
- Iowa lost its first fumble of the season on its second possession. Penn State turned the turnover into three points – the first points an opponent has scored off a turnover this season.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
1:35 - PSU - Felkins, 46-yard FG (17 plays, 53 yards, 7:28)

Second Quarter
9:17 - PSU - Dinkins, 9-yard pass from Allar (10 plays, 39 yards, 4:54)

Third Quarter
8:20 - PSU - Warren, 2-yard pass from Allar (15 plays, 75 yards, 6:40)
1:01 - PSU - Warren, 7-yard pass from Allar (12 plays, 71 yards, 5:50)

Fourth Quarter
12:19 - PSU - Lambert-Smith, 3-yard pass from Allar (8 plays, 19 yards, 3:37)

TEAM STATS

IOWA	TEAM STATS	PENN STATE
4	First Downs	28
17-20	Rushes-Yards	57-215
56	Passing Yards	182
6-16-0	Com-Att-Int	26-40-0
33-76	Total Offense	97-397
7-52.7	Punts-Avg.	4-37.8
6-4	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
4-28	Penalties-Yards	4-45
14:33	Possession Time	45:27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Kamari Moulton 6-18; Leshon Williams 6-9
PSU: Kaytron Allen 21-72; Beau Pribula 8-55

PASSING:
IOWA: Cade McNamara, 5-14, 42 yards; Deacon Hill 1-2, 14 yards
PSU: Drew Allar 25-37, 166, 4 TDs; Beau Pribula 1-3, 16 yards

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Erick All 3-35, Diante Vines 1-14
PSU: KeAndre Lambert-Smith 8-66, 1 TD; Theo Johnson 6-42

TACKLES:
IOWA: Jay Higgins 18, Nick Jackson 13, Ethan Hurkett 9
PSU: Curtis Jacobs 3, Abdul Carter 3

MICHIGAN STATE

MICHIGAN STATE (2-3, 0-2) at IOWA (4-1, 1-1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 -- DUKE SLATER FIELD AT KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Michigan State	3	6	7	0	16
Iowa	3	7	3	13	26

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 58 degrees
TIME OF GAME: 3:31

IOWA NOTES

- The win is head coach Kirk Ferentz's 116th career Big Ten victory, moving him into sole possession of third place on the all-time list. Ferentz only trails Michigan's Bo Schembechler (143) and Ohio State's Woody Hayes (153).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB Cade McNamara left the game in the first quarter with a lower body injury and did not return.
- QB Deacon Hill completed 11-of-27 passes for 115 yards and one touchdown after entering the game in the first quarter following McNamara's injury. The second-quarter touchdown pass was the first of his career.
- TE Erick All had a 13-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. During the drive, All had 62 yards on three catches (32, 17, 13) for his second touchdown of the season. He finished the game with four catches for 67 yards.
- LB Jay Higgins finished with 12 tackles, his third game with 10 or more tackles this season.
- LB Nick Jackson had 10 tackles, his second straight game with 10 or more stops. Jackson has 22 career double-digit tackle games.
- DL Deontae Craig had a career-high eight tackles and DB Xavier Nwankpa tied his career-high with eight tackles.
- DB Cooper DeJean had his first interception of the season in the second quarter. It is his sixth career interception.
- DB Sabastian Castro had his second interception of the season in the third quarter.
- DB Jamari Harris had his first interception this season in the fourth quarter. It is his fifth career interception.
- K Drew Stevens went 4-for-4 in field goal attempts, including a season long 53-yarder in the third quarter. It is the second-longest field goal of his career. Stevens also made a 40-yarder on Iowa's opening possession. He is now 3-for-3 in his career from 50+ yards. His four made field goals ties a career high. He is 8-for-9 on field goals this season.
- DB Cooper DeJean returned a 70-yard punt for a touchdown, which is the 15th longest return in program history. It is his first punt return TD of his career and the 70-yard return is Iowa's longest play of the season.
- It iss Iowa's first punt return for a touchdown since Charlie Jones did so against Michigan State in 2020.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa opened the game with a scoring drive, covering 53 yards over eight plays before converting a 40-yard field goal. It is the third time this season the Hawkeyes have put points on the board on their opening possession (TD, FG, FG).
- It was Iowa's 19th consecutive game not giving up 400 yards which is the longest active streak in the FBS.
- Since 2009, Iowa defense has registered 223 interceptions which ties for the most in Division-I. (Alabama and Oregon)
- The Hawkeyes had three interceptions in the game for the first time this season. It is the first game the defense has forced more than one turnover.
- Iowa turned the first interception into seven points and turned Michigan State's fumble into three points in the fourth quarter. The team has a 27-17 advantage in points off turnovers this season.
- Michigan State kicker Jonathan Kim connected on a 58-yard field goal as time expired in the first half. The kick is a Kinnick Stadium record.
- Iowa's defense created four turnovers for the first time since Oct. 9, 2021. (Penn State)
- Last time Iowa's defense had three interceptions was against Northwestern on Nov. 11, 2021.
- The Hawkeyes are 66-2 when leading by eight or more at any point of a game.
- Iowa has won nine of its last 12 night games in Kinnick.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
11:25 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 40-yd. FG (8 plays, 53 yards, 3:35)
3:48 - MSU - Jonathan Kim, 31-yd. FG (6 plays, 43 yards, 3:22)

Second Quarter
11:04 - MSU - Jonathan Kim, 32-yd. FG (14 plays, 61 yards, 6:09)
3:48 - IOWA - Erick All, 13-yd. pass from Deacon Hill (5 plays, 80 yards, 2:16)
0:00 - MSU - Jonathan Kim, 58-yd. FG (6 plays, 35 yards, 0:35)

Third Quarter
13:08 - MSU - Cal Halady, 42-yd. fumble return (0:12)
7:38 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 53-yd. FG (4 plays, -5 yards, 2:02)

Fourth Quarter
5:19 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 36-yd. FG (7 plays, 20 yards, 2:28)
3:45 - IOWA - Cooper DeJean, 70-yd. punt return (1:34)
0:59 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 34-yd. FG (6 plays, 14 yards, 2:30)

TEAM STATS

MICHIGAN STATE	TEAM STATS	IOWA
20	First Downs	15
32-156	Rushes-Yards	27-61
193	Passing Yards	161
25-44-3	Com-Att-Int	14-32-1
76-349	Total Offense	59-222
6-48.8	Punts-Avg.	7-48.9
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
10-94	Penalties-Yards	3-25
33:48	Possession Time	26:12

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
MSU: Nate Carter, 20-108; Noah Kim 6-35
IOWA: Leshon Williams 12-38; Kamari Moulton 9-25

PASSING:
MSU: Noah Kim, 25-44, 193, 3 INT
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 11-27, 115 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT; Cade McNamara, 3-5, 46 yards

RECEIVING:
MSU: Montorie Foster, Jr., 8-79; Maliq Carr, 6-43
IOWA: Erick All, 4-67, Diante Vines, 3-35

TACKLES:
MSU: Malik Spencer 8, Cal Haladay 8
IOWA: Jay Higgins 12, Nick Jackson 10, Xavier Nwankpa/Quinn Schulte/Deontae Craig 8

PURDUE

PURDUE (2-4, 1-2) at IOWA (5-1, 2-1)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 -- DUKE SLATER FIELD AT KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Purdue	0	7	0	7	14
Iowa	7	3	3	7	20

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 57 degrees
TIME OF GAME: 3:16

IOWA NOTES

- The Hawkeyes have won 11 of their last 14 Homecoming games dating back to 2009 and improves to 62-44-5 all-time.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Kaleb Johnson rushed for 134 yards – the second-most of his career -- on 17 carries and one touchdown in his first game since Week 2 at Iowa State.
- It is Johnson's first 100-yard game this season and the fourth of his career.
- Iowa has two 100-yard rushing games in 2023 (Leshon Williams vs. WMU).
- Johnson had a 67-yard touchdown run on the second play of Iowa's second drive – his second touchdown of the season. It is Iowa's longest offensive play this season and the second longest career rush. (Both have come against Purdue, 75 yards in 2022).
- QB Deacon Hill completed 6-of-21 passes for 110 yards and one touchdown, a 22-yarder to Erick All in the fourth quarter. It is Hill's second career touchdown pass.
- TE Erick All had a team-high five receptions for 97 yards and one touchdown – a 22-yarder in the fourth quarter. It is All's second straight game with a touchdown and team-leading third this season.
- DB Cooper DeJean had an interception in his second straight game, picking off Hudson Card in the first quarter and returning it 41 yards to the Purdue 5. It is DeJean's seventh career pick.
- LB Jay Higgins had his first career interception in the fourth quarter. Higgins also finished the game with a team-high 12 tackles, his fourth double-digit tackle game of the season (and fifth of his career).
- DL Logan Lee had a career-high 10 tackles, including 2.5 TFL and two sacks. It is the first time Lee has recorded 10 or more tackles in a game.
- DE Joe Evans had six tackles, including a career-best four TFL.
- K Drew Stevens made two field goals – from 27 and 23 yards. Stevens is now 10-of-13 on field goal attempts this season.
- It is Stevens' eighth career game with two or more field goals.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 12 of its last 19 games.
- The Hawkeye defense allowed 357 yards of total offense to Purdue. It is the 20th consecutive game the unit has allowed 400 or fewer yards, the longest active streak nationally.
- Iowa recorded its sixth and seventh interception of the season in the game. The Hawkeyes turned the turnover into three points, their 30th points off turnovers this season.
- The Hawkeyes finished with season highs in sacks (6) and TFL (12). Iowa entered the game with three sacks over its first five games. (Iowa also had 12 TFL in the Music City Bowl win over Kentucky last season.)
- Iowa's rushing attack finished with 181 yards in the game – the second-most this season and the most against a Big Ten opponent since Iowa ran for 184 yards at Purdue in 2022.
- Iowa improves to 68-2 since 2015 when leading by eight points at any point in a game.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
10:15 - IOWA - Kaleb Johnson, 67-yard run (2 plays, 80 yards, 0:43)

Second Quarter
14:57 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 27-yard FG (4 plays, -4 yards, 1:56)
0:32 - PURDUE - TJ Sheffield, 43-yard pass from Hudson Card (7 plays, 69 yards, 2:00)

Third Quarter
7:58 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 23-yard FG (9 plays, 75 yards, 3:45)

Fourth Quarter
14:24 - IOWA - Erick All, 22-yard pass from Deacon Hill (6 plays, 46 yards, 2:22)
2:54 - PURDUE - Devin Mockobee 2-yard run (6 plays, 74 yards, 1:59)

TEAM STATS

PURDUE	TEAM STATS	IOWA
21	First Downs	13
40-96	Rushes-Yards	35-181
247	Passing Yards	110
25-40-2	Com-Att-Int	6-21-1
80-343	Total Offense	56-291
6-41.3	Punts-Avg.	6-47.3
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
6-45	Penalties-Yards	2-20
35:28	Possession Time	24:32

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
Purdue: Devin Mockobee 20-89; Dylan Downing 8-39
IOWA: Kaleb Johnson 17-134; Leshon Williams 13-74

PASSING:
Purdue: Hudson Card, 25-40, 247, 1 TD, 2 INT
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 6-21, 110, 1 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
Purdue: Garrett Miller 8-71, TJ Sheffield 6-93, 1 TD
IOWA: Erick All 5-97, 1 TD, Kaleb Johnson 1-13

TACKLES:
Purdue: Sanoussi Kane 9, Dillion Thieneman 8
IOWA: Jay Higgins 12, Logan Lee 10, Quinn Schulte 8

AT WISCONSIN

IOWA (6-1, 3-1) at WISCONSIN (4-2, 2-1)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 -- CAMP RANDALL STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Iowa	0	7	0	8	15
Wisconsin	0	0	6	0	6

ATTENDANCE: 76,205
TEMPERATURE: 54 degrees
TIME OF GAME: 3:25

IOWA NOTES

- The victory is Iowa's second straight over Wisconsin (for the first time since 2008 and 2009) and the Hawkeyes have won three of the last four games in the series.
- It is Iowa's first victory in Madison since 2015.
- The Hawkeyes are 26-8 in their last 34 rivalry trophy games, and 2-0 in trophy games this season.
- Iowa earned its sixth win of the season to become bowl eligible for the 22nd time in the last 23 seasons under head coach Kirk Ferentz.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB Leshon Williams recorded his second 100-yard game of the season (and career), finishing with a career-high 174 yards on 25 attempts and one touchdown – an 82-yard run in the second quarter.
- The 82-yarder is Iowa's longest rush since 1997 (82, Tavian Banks vs. Iowa State).
- It is the Hawkeyes' longest rush all-time against Wisconsin (previous best was Tyler Goodson in 2020 (80 yards)
- The rush is Williams' career long, Iowa's longest play of the season and the fourth longest rush in the nation this season.
- It is the first time since 2021 that Iowa has had a 100-yard rusher in consecutive games (Tyler Goodson).
- It is the first time since 2020 that Iowa had two different 100-yard rushers in consecutive games (Goodson, Mekhi Sargent).
- LB Jay Higgins finished with 13 tackles, his fifth double-digit tackle game this season (and sixth of his career).
- DB Sebastian Castro registered his third career interception in the fourth quarter. Castro finished with seven tackles, including two TFL and a blitz that led to Iowa's safety.
- DL Yahya Black had a forced fumble in the end zone, which resulted in a Wisconsin safety.
- DL Aaron Graves had a forced fumble, which was recovered by Jay Higgins in the fourth quarter.
- P Tory Taylor had 10 punts for 506 yards for a 50.6 average. Five punts traveled 50+ yards (two 60+ yard punts), including a 62-yarder, tying a season-long, and five that were downed inside the 20.
- K Drew Stevens made a 48-yard field goal in the fourth quarter – his second-longest make of the season. He is 12-of-15 in field goal attempts in 2023.
- Stevens has two or more field goals in a single game in nine career games.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa's rushing attack finished with 200 yards against Wisconsin – the program's most against the Badgers since 2008 (254 yards).
- Iowa shut out Wisconsin in the first half. It was just the fourth time in the last 20 years that the Badgers were shutout in the first half in Camp Randall Stadium.
- Iowa knocked Wisconsin starting QB Tanner Mordecai out of the game late in the first half.
- Iowa recorded a safety in the fourth quarter on a Yahya Black forced fumble (and Wisconsin recovered). It is Iowa's second safety of the season (Western Michigan) and the team's second straight year with two safeties.
- Iowa's defense has scored 10 points in 2023 and 50 points since the start of the 2022 season.
- Iowa has held seven teams without a touchdown since the start of the 2022 season.
- The unit has allowed one touchdown or less in five of the first seven games of 2023 and 14 of the last 20 games.
- Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 13 of its last 20 games.
- The Hawkeye defense allowed 332 yards of total offense. It is the 21st consecutive game the unit has allowed 400 or fewer yards, the longest active streak nationally.
- The Hawkeyes have played in front of seven consecutive sellouts to open the 2023 season.
- The 15-6 final score is just the second in program history and first since 1896.

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter
11:49 - IOWA - Leshon Williams, 82-yard run
(3 plays, 90 yards, 1:20)

Third Quarter
9:55 - UW - Vakos - 36-yard FG (13 plays, 60 yards, 5:01)
3:58 - UW - Vakos - 52-yard FG (10 plays, 60 yards, 4:55)

Fourth Quarter
13:08 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 48-yard FG
(6 plays, 28 yards, 2:44)
12:15 - IOWA - Yahya Black safety
1:55 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 40-yard FG
(5 plays, 17 yards, 1:06)

TEAM STATS

IOWA	TEAM STATS	WISCONSIN
9	First Downs	18
48-200	Rushes-Yards	28-96
37	Passing Yards	228
6-14-0	Com-Att-Int	27-50-1
62-237	Total Offense	78-324
10-50.6	Punts-Avg.	8-42.9
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	4-1
5-55	Penalties-Yards	7-48
30:33	Possession Time	29:27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Leshon Williams 25-174, 1 TD; Kaleb Johnson 17-35
UW: Baelon Allen 18-87, Jackson Acker 3-10

PASSING:
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 6-14, 37 yards
UW: Braedyn Locke 15-30, 122 yards, 1 INT; Tanner Mordecai 12-20, 106 yards

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Erick All 2-19; Nico Ragaini 2-13
UW: Will Pauling 8-60; Bryson Green 5-86

TACKLES:
IOWA: Jay Higgins 13, Sebastian Castro 7, Nick Jackson 6
UW: Jake Chaney 11, Preston Zachman 9, Hunter Wohler 7

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA (4-3, 2-2) at IOWA (6-2, 3-2)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023 -- KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Minnesota	3	0	6	3	12
Iowa	3	7	0	0	10

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 67 degrees, 22 mph wind
TIME OF GAME: 3:38

IOWA NOTES

- Minnesota snapped an eight-game losing streak in the series, dating back to 2014. It is the Gophers' first win in Iowa City since 1999.
- Iowa is now 2-1 in trophy games this season and 26-9 in its last 35 rivalry trophy games.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB Deacon Hill completed 10-of-28 passes for 116 yards in his third career start.
- Hill had a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter -- the first rushing touchdown of his career.
- WR Diante Vines finished with three receptions for a career high 62 yards in the game. He two catches, including a career-long 36-yarder on Iowa's opening drive, which led to a field goal.
- WR Nico Ragaini had four catches for 28 yards, moving him into eighth place on Iowa's all-time receptions list (139 catches, 1,465 yards).
- LB Jay Higgins had a game high 14 tackles -- his sixth game with 10+ tackles this season (seventh of his career). Higgins has registered 101 tackles this season.
- DL Joe Evans had one sack and six total tackles in the game. Evans has a team-best 3.5 sacks this season and 22 sacks for his career, moving him into a tie for ninth place in program history with Leroy Smith (1988-91).
- Evans has 3.5 career sacks against Minnesota.
- P Tory Taylor had nine punts for 444 yards for a 49.3 yard average and a long of 57. Five of his nine punts were downed inside the 20 and four went over 50 yards.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa opened the game with an 11 play, 70-yard scoring drive that resulted in a 23-yard Drew Stevens field goal. It is the fourth time this season the offense has scored on its opening drive.
- Iowa's defense has kept back-to-back teams out of the end zone and eight teams without a touchdown since the start of the 2022 season.
- The unit has allowed one touchdown or less in six of the first eight games of 2023 and 15 of the last 21 games.
- Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 14 of its last 21 games.
- The Hawkeye defense allowed 239 yards of total offense. It is the 22nd consecutive game the unit has allowed 400 or fewer yards, the longest active streak nationally.
- The Hawkeyes have played in front of eight consecutive sellouts to open the 2023 season

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
10:35 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 23-yard FG (11 plays, 70 yards, 4:25)
0:17 - MINN - Dragan Kesich, 43-yard FG (9 plays, 45 yards, 3:59)

Second Quarter
0:49 - IOWA - Deacon Hill, 1-yard rush (6 plays, 46 yards, 3:43)

Third Quarter
8:59 - MINN - Dragan Kesich, 44-yard FG (13 plays, 64 yards, 6:01)
2:25 - MINN - Dragan Kesich, 28-yard FG (4 plays, 1 yard, 1:29)

Fourth Quarter
8:33 - MINN - Dragan Kesich, 31-yard FG (7 plays, 60 yards, 3:24)

TEAM STATS

MINNESOTA	TEAM STATS	IOWA
12	First Downs	9
45-113	Rushes-Yards	28-11
126	Passing Yards	116
10-25-0	Com-Att-Int	10-28-1
239	Total Offense	56-127
9-39.9	Punts-Avg.	9-49.3
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-2
7-58	Penalties-Yards	6-53
35:25	Possession Time	24:35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
MINN: Darius Taylor 16-59, Zach Evans 10-44
IOWA: Kaleb Johnson 6-18, Leshon Williams 11-13

PASSING:
MINN: Athan Kaliakmanis 10-25, 126 yards
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 10-28, 116 yards, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
MINN: Daniel Jackson 7-101, Darius Taylor 3-25
IOWA: Nico Ragaini 4-28, Diante Vines 3-62

TACKLES:
MINN: Maverick Baranowski 6, Deven Eastern 6
IOWA: Jay Higgins 14, Deontae Craig 8, Sebastian Castro 7

VS. NORTHWESTERN

IOWA (7-2, 4-2) at NORTHWESTERN (4-5, 2-4)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023 -- WILDCAT CLASSIC -- WRIGLEY FIELD

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Iowa	0	0	7	3	10
Northwestern	0	0	0	7	7

ATTENDANCE: 38,000
TEMPERATURE: Sunny
TIME OF GAME: 3:05

IOWA NOTES

- The Hawkeyes have won three straight and four of the last five over Northwestern.
- After Saturday's results, Iowa holds a one-game lead in the Big Ten West division.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- K Drew Stevens' 53-yard field goal with 14 seconds remaining is the second game-winner of his career. Stevens hit the game-winner at Minnesota in 2022.
- Stevens' FG tied a season-high set against Michigan State on Sept. 30. Stevens has four 50+ yard field goals in his career.
- RB Leshon Williams rushed for a team high 79 yards.
- Williams eclipsed the 1,000 career rushing yards mark in the third quarter, becoming the 52nd player in program history to reach the milestone. He has 1,032 career rushing yards.
- QB Deacon Hill completed 10-of-15 attempts for 65 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown pass to TE Addison Ostrenga in the third quarter. It is Hill's third career touchdown pass, all coming to tight ends.
- TE Addison Ostrenga caught a 2-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter – the first touchdown of his career.
- WR Kaleb Brown's 23-yard reception was his first catch as a Hawkeye and set up Stevens' game-winning field goal.
- LB Jay Higgins had a team-high 12 tackles – his seventh game with 10 or more tackles this season.
- DL Anterio Thompson blocked a Northwestern punt in the third quarter – the second block of the season and his career – setting up Iowa's first scoring drive in the third quarter.
- Iowa has two punt blocks and three overall blocks this season.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa's defense limited Northwestern to 170 total yards and 12 first downs in the game.
- 170 yards (season-low) are the fewest allowed by Iowa's defense since 2022 (Nevada – 151 yards).
- Iowa allowed a season-low 81 passing yards, the fewest since 2019 (Rutgers – 41 yard).
- The Hawkeyes limited Northwestern to 29 yards and two first downs in the first half.
- Northwestern had first-and-goal from the 2 in the fourth quarter. Iowa's defense got a turnover on downs, stopping the Wildcats three straight runs from the half yard line.
- Iowa's defense has allowed one touchdown or less in seven of the first nine games of 2023 and 16 of the last 22 games.
- Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 15 of its last 22 games.
- The Hawkeye defense has held its opponent to 400 yards or less in 23 consecutive games, the longest active streak nationally.

SCORING SUMMARY

Third Quarter

9:04 - IOWA - Addison Ostrenga 2-yard reception from Deacon Hill (7 plays, 25 yards, 3:59)

Fourth Quarter

1:50 - NU - Johnson 5-yard reception from Sullivan (6 plays, 22 yards, 3:25)

0:14 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 53-yard FG (7 plays, 37 yards, 1:32)

TEAM STATS

IOWA	TEAM STATS	NORTHWESTERN
14	First Downs	12
41-104	Rushes-Yards	41-89
65	Passing Yards	81
10-15-1	Com-Att-Int	12-20-0
169	Total Offense	61-170
6-39.0	Punts-Avg.	8-38.0
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
3-30	Penalties-Yards	7-71
30:18	Possession Time	29:42

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Leshon Williams 24-79, Jaziun Patterson 8-21
NU: Anthony Tyus III 10-40, Cam Porter 12-36

PASSING:
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 10-15, 65 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT
NU: Brendan Sullivan, 12-19, 81 yars, 1 TD

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Addison Ostrenga 3-15, Diante Vines 2-9
NU: A.J. Henning 4-13, Bryce Kirtz 3-33

TACKLES:
IOWA: Jay Higgins 12, Nick Jackson 7, Deontae Craig 6
NU: Xander Mueller 19, Bryce Gallagher 8, Aidan Hubbard 6, Devin Turner 6

RUTGERS

RUTGERS (6-4, 3-4) at IOWA (8-2, 5-2)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 -- KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	3	3	16	22

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 50 degrees, sunny
TIME OF GAME: 3:04

IOWA NOTES

- With the victory (and Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin losses), Iowa clinches a share of the Big Ten West Division title.
- It is the third Big Ten West Division title in program history (2015, 2021, 2023).
- The win is Iowa's eighth victory of the season. It is the 15th time the Hawkeyes have reached the eight-win mark under Ferentz. Iowa has won eight or more games in eight of the last nine years (the team was 6-2 during COVID year in 2020).
- The victory is the 194th of head coach Kirk Ferentz's career, moving him into a tie with Michigan's Bo Schembechler for third place in career wins as a member of the Big Ten Conference.
- Iowa improves to 4-0 all-time against Rutgers.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB Deacon Hill completed 20-of-31 attempts for a career-high 223 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. The 223 yards are the most passing yards for the team this season.
- Hill had a career-long 54-yard completion to TE Zach Ortwerth in the third quarter. It was Ortwerth's first career reception. Hill also had a 10-yard touchdown pass to Kaleb Brown in the fourth quarter – his fourth TD pass of the season.
- The 20 completions and 31 attempts were both career-highs for Hill.
- TE Addison Ostrenga had a career high eight receptions for a career-best 47 yards.
- Iowa's tight ends accounted for 101 of the team's 223 receiving yards.
- WR Kaleb Brown had a career-high three receptions for 27 yards, including his first career touchdown in the fourth quarter (10 yarder). Brown also had two rushes for 20 yards.
- RB Leshon Williams rushed for 63 yards on 13 attempts and RB Jaziun Patterson had 14 attempts for 53 yards, including his second touchdown of the season (and career) -- a 4-yard score in the fourth quarter.
- RB Kaleb Johnson rushed for 54 yards on 10 carries – he had the longest rush of the day for 27 yards.
- DB Quinn Schulte had a interception in the fourth quarter and returned it 39 yards to the Iowa 9. It Schulte's first interception of the season and third of his career.
- K Drew Stevens went 3-for-4 in field goal attempts, connecting from 32, 43 and 24 yards. He is 17-of-22 in field goal attempts this season and leads Iowa with 69 points.
- It is Stevens' third career game with three or more field goals.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa's defense shut out Rutgers – its first shutout of the season and the first since last season's Music City Bowl against Kentucky.
- It is the team's first shutout in Big Ten play since 2019 (Northwestern)
- It is the 16th shutout of the Ferentz era.
- The Rutgers offense didn't cross the 50-yard line.
- Iowa's run defense limited Rutgers to 34 yards, 150 yards below its season average of 184.7.
- Rutgers' Kyle Monangai – the Big Ten's leading rusher – was limited to 39 yards on 13 attempts.
- The Hawkeye defense limited Rutgers to 127 yards, its 24th consecutive game allowing 400 or fewer yards. It is the longest active streak nationally.
- The 127 yards are the fewest allowed in a Big Ten game since 2019 (125 vs. Rutgers).
- They are the fewest yards allowed since giving up 120 against South Dakota State in 2022.
- Iowa didn't commit a penalty for the second time this season (at Iowa State). The Hawkeyes have three such games in its last 11 contests and nine such games since 1970.
- Iowa's defense has allowed one touchdown or less in eight of the first 10 games of 2023 and 17 of the last 23 games.
- Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 16 of its last 23 games and one touchdown in the last four games.
- Since the start of the 2015 season, Iowa is 70-2 when leading by eight points at any point in a game.
- Iowa's offense put up 200+ yards passing and 100+ yards rushing for the first time since Northwestern in 2022 (220 passing/173 rushing).
- Iowa's offense eclipsed 400 yards for the first time in the last 32 games.

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter
2:50 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 32-yard FG (10 plays, 37 yards, 6:06)

Third Quarter
4:18 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 43-yard FG (5 plays, 54 yards, 2:04)

Fourth Quarter
13:38 - IOWA - Jaziun Patterson, 4-yard rush (2 PT. failed) (9 plays, 54 yards, 4:39)
5:43 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 24-yard FG (12 plays, 44 yards, 6:30)
4:39 - IOWA - Kaleb Brown, 10-yard pass from Deacon Hill (3 plays, 9 yards, 0:49)

TEAM STATS

RUTGERS	TEAM STATS	IOWA
7	First Downs	21
23-34	Rushes-Yards	46-179
93	Passing Yards	223
7-18-1	Com-Att-Int	20-31-1
127	Total Offense	77-402
9-35.3	Punts-Avg.	3-47.7
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
7-40	Penalties-Yards	0-0
21:38	Possession Time	38:22

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
RU: Kyle Monangai 13-39, Samuel Brown V 4-11
IOWA: Leshon Williams 13-63, Kaleb Johnson 10-54

PASSING:
RU: Gavin Wimsatt, 7-18, 93 yards, 1 INT
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 20-31, 223 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
RU: Ian Strong 3-47, Christian Dremel 2-27
IOWA: Addison Ostrenga 8-47, Nico Ragaini 4-48, Kaleb Brown 4-27

TACKLES:
RU: Deion Jennings, Mohamed Toure, Desmond Igbinosun 10
IOWA: Jay Higgins 8, Nick Jackson 7, Logan Lee 5

ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS (5-6, 3-5) at IOWA (9-2, 6-2)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 -- KINNICK STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Illinois	3	7	0	3	13
Iowa	2	7	0	6	15

ATTENDANCE: 69,250
TEMPERATURE: 59 degrees, sunny
TIME OF GAME: 3:33

IOWA NOTES

- With the victory, the Hawkeyes have clinched the outright Big Ten West Division title for the third time under head coach Kirk Ferentz (2015, 2021, 2023).
- The Hawkeyes have won nine games 10 times under head coach Kirk Ferentz.
- The victory is the 195th of Ferentz's career, moving him past Michigan's Bo Schembechler for third place in career wins as a member of the Big Ten Conference.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB Deacon Hill completed 19-of-29 attempts for 167 yards and one touchdown – a 4-yarder in the second quarter.
- Hill has thrown a touchdown pass in three straight games and has five TD passes this season.
- Hill also had a career-long 12-yard rush for a first down in the second quarter.
- RB Leshon Williams had 16 carries for 54 yards to lead the team.
- Williams has led the team in rushing six times in 2023.
- RB Kaleb Johnson had the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter (30 yards) – his third touchdown of the season and ninth of his career.
- TE Addison Ostrenga had a 4-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter – his second career touchdown.
- WR Kaleb Brown posted career-highs in catches (7) and receiving yards (71) and had the longest reception of his career (31).
- WR Nico Ragaini made five catches for 46 yards, moving into seventh place in the Iowa record books in career receptions (149). He has 1,567 career receiving yards – the 21st-most in school history.
- LB Jay Higgins had 12 tackles – his eighth game with 10 or more tackles this season (ninth of his career).
- Higgins has led the team in tackles in 10 or the 11 games.
- He now has 132, which is tied for 17th most in a single season in program history. (Chad Greenway, 2003)
- DL Joe Evans had a sack in the end zone in the first quarter, which resulted in a safety.
- Evans now has a team-best 5.5 sacks this season and 24 in his career, which are tied with Bill Ennis-Inge for sixth-most in program history.
- Punter Tory Taylor had eight punts for 413 yards, averaging 51.6 yards. He had six punts of 50+ yards and two punts downed inside the 20.
- With his 274 punts, Taylor moved into first place in school history in career punts, passing Jason Baker for the most punts in the Iowa record books. Taylor also holds the school record with 12,647 career punting yards.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa recorded its third safety of the season in the first quarter when Joe Evans sacked John Paddock in the end zone.
- It is the first time since 2018 that Iowa's defense has had at least three safeties in a season.
- The Hawkeyes' defense has scored 12 points in 2023 with one pick six and three safeties.
- Iowa's defense finished with a season high 13 pass breakups – the most for the unit since at least 2009.
- The Hawkeyes had a 14-play, 75-yard scoring drive over 7:59 in the second quarter. The 14 plays and 7:59 were both season highs.
- Iowa's defense has allowed one touchdown or less in nine of the 11 games of 2023 and 18 of the last 24 games.
- Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 17 of its last 24 games.
- Iowa's defense has allowed just two touchdowns in the last five games.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
11:24 - IOWA - Joe Evans safety (0:43)
3:19 - ILL - Caleb Griffin, 52-yard FG (8 plays, 43 yards, 1:31)

Second Quarter
10:20 - IOWA - Addison Ostrenga, 4-yard reception from Hill (14 plays, 75 yards, 7:59)
6:53 - ILL - Reggie Love III 1-yard run (10 plays, 75 yards, 3:27)

Fourth Quarter
14:56 - ILL - Caleb Griffin, 29-yard FG (12 plays, 69 yards, 5:18)
4:43 - IOWA - Kaleb Johnson, 30-yard run (4 plays, 54 yards, 2:08)

TEAM STATS

ILLINOIS	TEAM STATS	IOWA
18	First Downs	18
23-65	Rushes-Yards	36-114
215	Passing Yards	167
22-47-0	Com-Att-Int	19-29-0
70-280	Total Offense	65-281
5-45.0	Punts-Avg.	8-51.6
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
6-53	Penalties-Yards	6-70
26:02	Possession Time	33:58

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
ILL: Reggie Love III 18-64, Isaiah Williams 1-5
IOWA: Leshon Williams 16-54, Kaleb Johnson 10-53

PASSING:
ILL: John Paddock 22-47, 215 yards
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 19-29, 167 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING:
ILL: Isaiah Williams 8-105, Casey Washington 8-58
IOWA: Kaleb Brown 7-71, Nico Ragaini 5-46, Addison Ostrenga 5-24

TACKLES:
ILL: Dylan Roseik 11, Clayton Bush 8
IOWA: Jay Higgins 12, Jermari Harris 8, Nick Jackson 8

NEBRASKA

#17 IOWA (10-2, 7-2) at NEBRASKA (5-7, 3-6)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023 -- MEMORIAL STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#17 Iowa	0	10	0	3	13
Nebraska	0	7	3	0	10

ATTENDANCE: 86,183
TEMPERATURE: 26 degrees, windy
TIME OF GAME: 3:20

IOWA NOTES

- The Hawkeyes regain control of the Heroes Trophy for the eighth time in nine seasons. It is the sixth straight win in Lincoln -- the longest streak for a team in Lincoln since Oklahoma's eight straight from 1943-57.
- It is the sixth straight year the game has been decided by seven points or less.
- Iowa finishes the regular season with a 3-1 record in rivalry trophy games. The Hawkeyes are 27-9 in their last 36 rivalry trophy games.
- It is the seventh time the Hawkeyes have notched their 10th victory during the regular season, including five under head coach Kirk Ferentz and two under Hayden Fry.It is the 11th time Iowa has reached the 10-win mark in program history (1985, 1987, 1991, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, 2015, 2019, 2021) – the eighth time under Ferentz.
- Iowa has won 18 of its last 19 games in November.
- The Hawkeyes are 5-1 in games decided by seven points or less in 2023.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- K Marshall Meeder connected on a game-winning 38-yard field goal as time expired to give Iowa the 13-10 victory. It was his first career attempt as a Hawkeye in his first career game. Meeder made 30-of-45 FG attempts in his three-year career at Central Michigan, including 5-of-11 last season.
- QB Deacon Hill completed 11-of-28 passes for 94 yards. He had a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter – his second of the season.
- RB Leshon Williams rushed for 111 yards on 16 attempts. It is his third 100-yard game this season (and career). Williams had a 53-yard run in the second quarter, which is tied for his second longest and the team's fourth longest run of the season. Iowa has five 50+ yard rushes in 2023. He had a 22-yard run on the final drive to set up the game-winning field goal. Williams has led the team in rushing seven times in 2023.
- TE Steven Stilianos had a 37-yard reception – tying a career-long (at Lafayette) – to set up Iowa's first touchdown drive.
- DL Ethan Hurkett recorded his first career interception on the final Nebraska drive and returned it 10 yards to the Nebraska 37 to set up Iowa's game-winning field goal. Hurkett also led the team with a career-high nine tackles (five solo), including 1.5 TFL.
- LB Jaxon Rexroth forced a fumble on a Nebraska punt return in the first quarter and LB Karson Sharar recovered, giving Iowa possession on the Nebraska 17. It was the first career forced fumble for Rexroth and first fumble recovery for Sharar.
- DB Sebastian Castro forced a Chubba Purdy fumble in the second quarter. It is the second forced fumble of the season and fourth of his career.
- LB Jay Higgins had eight tackles, giving him 141 tackles for the season. He is tied for the sixth most in program history with Adbul Hodge.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa made a game-winning 38-yard field goal – its second game-winning field goal this season (at Northwestern). It is the third time since 2018 that Iowa has had a game-winning field goal against the Huskers -- Miguel Recinos (2018), Keith Duncan (2019)
- The Hawkeyes rushing attack finished with 163 yards against the nation's No. 5 rushing defense. The Huskers allowed 86.5 rushing yards leading into the game.
- Iowa forced three turnovers – two fumbles in the first half and a fourth-quarter interception. It was Iowa's first forced fumble and the first multi-turnover since Week 7 at Wisconsin. It is the second-most turnovers the team has forced in a game this season (4 vs. Michigan State). Iowa turned the three turnovers into six points. The team has a 46-20 advantage in points off turnovers.
- Iowa's defense forced a punt on Nebraska's first offensive series. The Hawkeyes did not give up a point on an opening drive during the regular season.
- The Hawkeyes allowed 264 yards – the 26th consecutive game allowing fewer than 400 yards. It is the longest active streak nationally.
- Iowa's defense has allowed one touchdown or less in 10 of the 12 games of 2023 and 19 of the last 25 games. Iowa has allowed 14 or fewer points in 18 of its last 25 games. Iowa's defense has allowed just three touchdowns in the last six games.

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter
13:22 - IOWA - Deacon Hill, 1-yard run
(7 plays, 51 yards, 2:52)
5:12 - IOWA - Drew Stevens, 28-yard FG
(13 plays, 34 yards, 6:40)
3:43 - NEB - Jaylen Lloyd, 66-yard pass from Purdy
(3 plays, 65 yards, 1:29)

Third Quarter
6:18 - NEB - Tristan Alvano, 44-yard FG
(10 plays, 43 yards, 4:23)

Fourth Quarter
0:00 - IOWA - Marshall Meeder, 38-yard FG
(3 plays, 17 yards, 0:15)

TEAM STATS

IOWA	TEAM STATS	NEBRASKA
14	First Downs	10
40-163	Rushes-Yards	30-75
94	Passing Yards	189
11-28-1	Com-Att-Int	15-28-1
68-257	Total Offense	58-264
7-42.4	Punts-Avg.	7-39.9
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-2
2-10	Penalties-Yards	5-40
31:45	Possession Time	28:15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Leshon Williams 16-111, Kaleb Johnson 10-30
NEB: Chubba Purdy 12-42, Emmett Johnson 11-27

PASSING:
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 11-28, 94 yards, 1 INT
NEB: Chubba Purdy, 15-28, 189 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Kaleb Brown 3-21, Addison Ostrenga 3-12
NEB: Billy Kemp 4-21, Alex Bullock 2-35

TACKLES:
IOWA: Ethan Hurkett 9, Jay Higgins 8
NEB: Isaac Gifford 11, Luke Reimer 10, Phalen Sanford 9

VS. MICHIGAN

#2 MICHIGAN (13-0) vs. #16 IOWA (10-3)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 -- LUCAS OIL STADIUM

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
#2 Michigan	10	0	10	6	26
#16 Iowa	0	0	0	0	0

ATTENDANCE: 67,842
TEMPERATURE: Indoors
TIME OF GAME: 3:17

IOWA NOTES

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- LB Jay Higgins had 14 tackles – his ninth game this season with 10 or more tackles (10th of his career).
- Higgins has led or tied for the team lead in tackles in 11 of Iowa's 13 games.
- Higgins has 155 tackles this season – the fourth-most in a single season in program history, trailing only Andre Jackson (171), Abdul Hodge (158) and Chad Greenway (156).
- DB Sebastian Castro had a career-high nine tackles.
- TE Addison Ostrenga had a team-high seven catches for 50 yards. It is his third game with five or more receptions this season.
- WR Kaleb Brown had five catches for 34 yards – his third straight game with three or more receptions.
- WR Nico Ragaini had three catches for 25 yards, moving him into fifth place in career receptions (154) and 20th in career receiving yards (1,594).
- Punter Tory Taylor had seven punts for 353 yards, including four over 50 yards and a season-long 67-yarder in the second quarter.
- Taylor's 67-yard punt is the second-longest in Big Ten Championship Game history.
- His 353 yards are the second-most in BTCG history, his seven punts are tied for third and his 50.4 average is fourth.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Iowa's defense limited Michigan to 213 yards of total offense – 182 below its season average.
- The Hawkeyes held the Wolverines to 66 rushing yards. Michigan entered the game averaging 169.8 yards on the ground.
- It is the 27th consecutive game Iowa's defense has allowed fewer than 400 yards -- the longest active streak nationally.
- Michigan drove 52-yards over 13 plays , spanning 7:35 en route to a field goal. The three points were the first the Hawkeyes have allowed on an opening possession this season.
- The Wolverines had 59 yards of total offense on their five other scoring drives in the game.
- Michigan's Semaj Morgan had an 87-yard punt return to set up the Wolverines' first touchdown. The return was the longest play against Iowa this season and the longest return in Big Ten Championship Game history.ss in 23 consecutive games, the longest active streak nationally.

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter
6:01 - UM - James Turner, 35-yard FG (13 plays, 52 yards, 7:35)
1:07 - UM - Blake Corum, 2-yard run (2 plays, 5 yards, 0:39)

Third Quarter
9:09 - UM - Blake Corum, 6-yard run (1 play, 6 yards, 0:05)
0:22 - UM - James Turner, 46-yard FG (9 plays, 28 yards, 4:46)

Fourth Quarter
9:14 - UM - James Turner, 36-yard FG (4 plays, -3 yards, 1:43)
3:38 - UM - James Turner, 50-yard FG (6 plays, 23 yards, 3:46)

TEAM STATS

MICHIGAN	TEAM STATS	IOWA
13	First Downs	7
34-66	Rushes-Yards	24-35
147	Passing Yards	120
22-30-0	Com-Att-Int	18-32-0
64-213	Total Offense	56-155
6-42.3	Punts-Avg.	7-50.4
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-3
3-25	Penalties-Yards	7-46
36:32	Possession Time	23:28

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
UM: Blake Corum 16-52, Donovan Edwards 4-28
IOWA: Leshon Williams 9-25, Kaleb Johnson 6-14

PASSING:
UM: J.J. McCarthy, 22-30, 147 yards
IOWA: Deacon Hill, 18-32, 120 yards

RECEIVING:
UM: Cornelius Johnson 9-64, Donovan Edwards 5-19
IOWA: Addison Ostrenga 7-50, Kaleb Brown 5-34, Nico Ragaini 3-25

TACKLES:
UM: Junior Colson 8, Ernest Hausmann 8, Michael Barrett 7
IOWA: Jay Higgins 14, Sebastian Castro 9, Nick Jackson/Deshaun Lee 8

IOWA FOOTBALL

HISTORY & RECORDS

IOWA BOWL RESULTS/RECORDS

WON 18, LOST 16, TIED 1

BOWL	RESULT	DATE	SITE
2022 Music City	Iowa 21, Kentucky 0	Dec. 31, 2022	Nashville, Tenn.
2022 Vrbo Citrus	Kentucky 20, Iowa 17	Jan. 1, 2022	Orlando, Fla.
2020 Music City	Canceled		
2019 Holiday	Iowa 49, USC 24	Dec. 27, 2019	San Diego, Calif.
2019 Outback	Iowa 27, Mississippi State 22	Jan. 1, 2019	Tampa, Fla.
2017 New Era Pinstripe	Iowa 27, Boston College 20	Dec. 27, 2017	Bronx, N.Y.
2017 Outback	Florida 30, Iowa 3	Jan. 2, 2017	Tampa, Fla.
2016 Rose	#6 Stanford 45, #5 Iowa 16	Jan. 1, 2016	Pasadena, Calif.
2015 Taxslayer	Tennessee 45, Iowa 28	Jan. 2, 2015	Jacksonville, Fla.
2014 Outback	LSU 21, Iowa 14	Jan. 1, 2014	Tampa, Fla.
2011 Insight	Oklahoma 31, Iowa 14	Dec. 30, 2011	Tempe, Ariz.
2010 Insight:	Iowa 27, Missouri 24	Dec. 28, 2010	Tempe, Ariz.
2010 Orange:	Iowa 24, Georgia Tech 14	Jan. 5, 2010	Miami, Fla.
2009 Outback:	Iowa 31, South Carolina 10	Jan. 1, 2009	Tampa, Fla.
2006 Alamo:	Texas 26, Iowa 24	Dec. 30, 2006	San Antonio, Texas
2006 Outback:	Florida 31, Iowa 24	Jan. 2, 2006	Tampa, Fla.
2005 Capital One:	Iowa 30, LSU 25	Jan. 1, 2005	Orlando, Fla.
2004 Outback:	Iowa 37, Florida 17	Jan. 1, 2004	Tampa, Fla.
2003 Orange:	USC 38, Iowa 17	Jan. 2, 2003	Miami, Fla.
2001 Alamo:	Iowa 19, Texas Tech 16	Dec. 29, 2001	San Antonio, Texas
1997 Sun:	Arizona State 17, Iowa 7	Dec. 31, 1997	El Paso, Texas
1996 Alamo:	Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0	Dec. 29, 1996	San Antonio, Texas
1995 Sun:	Iowa 38, Washington 18	Dec. 29, 1995	El Paso, Texas
1993 Alamo:	California 37, Iowa 3	Dec. 31, 1993	San Antonio, Texas
1991 Holiday:	Iowa 13, Brigham Young 13	Dec. 30, 1991	San Diego, Calif.
1991 Rose:	Washington 46, Iowa 34	Jan. 1, 1991	Pasadena, Calif.
1988 Peach:	N.C. State 28, Iowa 23	Dec. 31, 1988	Atlanta, Ga.
1987 Holiday:	Iowa 20, Wyoming 19	Dec. 30, 1987	San Diego, Calif.
1986 Holiday:	Iowa 39, San Diego State 38	Dec. 30, 1986	San Diego, Calif.
1986 Rose:	UCLA 45, Iowa 28	Jan. 1, 1986	Pasadena, Calif.
1984 Freedom:	Iowa 55, Texas 17	Dec. 26, 1984	Anaheim, Calif.
1983 Gator:	Florida 14, Iowa 6	Dec. 30, 1983	Jacksonville, Fla.
1982 Peach:	Iowa 28, Tennessee 22	Dec. 31, 1982	Atlanta, Ga.
1982 Rose:	Washington 28, Iowa 0	Jan. 1, 1982	Pasadena, Calif.
1959 Rose:	Iowa 38, California 12	Jan. 1, 1959	Pasadena, Calif.
1957 Rose:	Iowa 35, Oregon State 19	Jan. 1, 1957	Pasadena, California

Hawkeyes Set Records in Bowl Games

Iowa set a team record for points allowed (zero) vs. Kentucky in the 2022 Music City Bowl, while the team punting average of 48.2 yards was also a record (though not an individual record). Iowa's defense also tied the Music City Bowl record with five sacks.

Iowa WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette tied a bowl record with a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown vs. Southern California in the 2019 Holiday Bowl. He also set a record for kickoff return average with a 47.3 average (3-142 yards) in the Holiday Bowl.

Iowa set individual and team marks for kickoff return yards in the 2019 Outback Bowl, as Ihmir Smith-Marsette had 150 yards on five returns.

Iowa set team records for the Outback Bowl for fewest first downs allowed (11 vs. Florida, 2017), and fewest penalties (0) and fewest penalty yards (0) vs. Mississippi State in 2019.

Running back Akrum Wadley set Pinstripe Bowl records for kickoff returns (5) and kickoff return yards (171) in the 2017 Pinstripe Bowl win over Boston College.

DE Anthony Nelson tied the Pinstripe Bowl record with two sacks, P Colten Rastetter tied the record for most punts (6), and DB Jack Gervase and DB Josh Jackson tied the bowl record with one interception.

Kickoff returner C.J. Jones set an Orange Bowl record when he returned the opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown against Southern California in the 2003 Orange Bowl.

Kickoff returner Jordan Cotton set an Outback Bowl record for kickoff return average when he averaged 42.7 yards (3 for 128 yards) per return in the 2014 Outback Bowl vs. LSU.

Linebacker Abdul Hodge set the Outback Bowl record for most tackles when he registered 19 against Florida in 2006.

Punters Nick Gallery (1996) and Jason Baker (1997) established bowl records for longest punt in two of Iowa's bowl games. Gallery had a 59-yard punt in the 1996 Alamo Bowl and Baker had a 76-yard punt in the 1997 Sun Bowl.

IOWA BOWL RECORDS

INDIVIDUAL BOWL RECORDS

OFFENSE

Rushing

Attempts	33, Marcus Coker vs. Missouri (2010 Insight)
Yards	219 Marcus Coker vs. Missouri (2010 Insight)
Touchdowns	3, Shonn Greene vs. South Carolina (2009 Outback)

Passing

Attempts	55, Drew Tate vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
Completions	32, Drew Tate vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
Yards	481, Chuck Long vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
Touchdowns	6, Chuck Long vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)

Total Offense

Plays	58, Drew Tate vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
Yards	481, Chuck Long vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
Touchdowns	6, Chuck Long vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)

Receiving

Catches	11, Ronnie Harmon vs. UCLA (1986 Rose)
Yards	168, Dave Moritz vs. Tennessee (1982 Peach)
Touchdowns	2, Andy Brodell vs. Texas (2006 Alamo)
	2, Ed Hinkel vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
	2, Deven Harberts N.C. State (1988 Peach)
	2, Jonathan Hayes vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
	2, Ronnie Harmon vs. Tennessee (1982 Peach)

Scoring

Touchdowns	3, Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
	3, Shonn Greene vs. South Carolina (2009 Outback)
Points	18, Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
	18, Shonn Greene vs. South Carolina (2009 Outback)

DEFENSE

Most Tackles	19, Abdul Hodge vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
Most Tackles for Loss	7, Sean Ridley vs. Wyoming (1987 Holiday)
Most QB Sacks	2.5, A.J. Epenesa vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
	2.5, Jonathan Babineaux vs. LSU (2005 Capital One)
	2.5, Abdul Hodge vs. LSU (2005 Capital One)
Interceptions	2, Tyler Sash vs. South Carolina (2009 Outback)
	2, Devon Mitchell vs. Florida (1983 Gator)
	2, Tork Hook vs. N.C. State (1988 Peach)
Interception Yards	74, Tyler Sash vs. South Carolina (2009 Outback)

SPECIAL TEAMS

PATs

Made	7, Keith Duncan vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
	7, Tom Nichol vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
Attempted	7, Keith Duncan vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
	7, Tom Nichol vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)

Field Goals

Made	4, Nate Kaeding vs. Texas Tech (2001 Alamo)
Attempted	5, Nate Kaeding vs. Texas Tech (2001 Alamo)

Punting

Number	8, Tory Taylor vs. Kentucky (2022 Music City)
	8, Nick Gallery vs. California (1993 Alamo)
	8, Jason Baker vs. Arizona State (1997 Sun)
Yards	391, Jason Baker vs. Arizona State (1997 Sun)
Average	52.0, Nick Gallery vs. Texas Tech (1996 Alamo)

Punt Returns

Number	4, Ramon Ochoa vs. Florida (2004 Outback)
	4, Tim Dwight vs. Arizona State (1997 Sun)
Yards	50, Ramon Ochoa vs. Florida (2004 Outback)
Average (min. 3 ret.)	14 (3-42), Cooper DeJean vs. Kentucky (2022 Music City)

Kickoff Returns

Number	7, Desmond King vs. Stanford (2016 Rose)
Yards	171, Akrum Wadley vs. Boston College (2017 Pinstripe)
Average	47.3 (3-142), Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. USC (2019 Holiday)

TEAM BOWL RECORDS

OFFENSE

Rushing

Attempts	55 vs. California (1959 Rose)
Yards	429 vs. California (1959 Rose)
Touchdowns	5 vs. California (1959 Rose)

Passing

Attempts	55 vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
Completions	32 vs. Florida (2006 Outback)
Yards	469 vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
Touchdowns	6 vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)

Total Offense

Plays	82 vs. Oklahoma (2011 Insight)
Yards	560 vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)

Scoring

Touchdowns	7 vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
PATs	7 vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
	7 vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)
Field Goals	5 vs. Washington (1995 Sun)
Points	55 vs. Texas (1984 Freedom)

DEFENSE

Defense

Fewest Points Allowed	0 vs. Kentucky (2022 Music City)
	0 vs. Texas Tech (1996 Alamo)
Lowest Total Offense	155 vs. Georgia Tech (2010 Orange)
Fewest Rushing Yards	22 vs. USC (2019 Holiday)
Fewest Passing Yards	12 vs. Georgia Tech (2010 Orange)
Total Turnovers	7 vs. N.C. State (1988 Peach)
Interceptions	3 vs. South Carolina (2009 Outback)
	3 vs. Texas Tech (2001 Alamo)
Fumble Recoveries	5 vs. N.C. State (1988 Peach)

Miscellaneous

Fewest Penalties	0 vs. Mississippi State (2019 Outback)
Fewest Penalty Yards	0 vs. Mississippi State (2019 Outback)

LONGEST PLAYS

Run	81 yards, Bob Jeter vs. California (1959 Rose)
Pass Completion	75 yards, Nate Stanley to Nick Easley vs. Mississippi State (2019 Outback)
Touchdown Reception	75 yards, Nick Easley from Nate Stanley vs. Mississippi State (2019 Outback)
Kickoff Return	100 yards, C.J. Jones vs. USC (2003 Orange)
Punt Return	38 yards, Desmond King vs. Stanford (2016 Rose)
Interception Return	72 yards, Micah Hyde vs. Missouri (2010 Insight)
Fumble Return	25 yards, Bill Happel vs. Oregon State (1957 Rose)
Punt	76 yards, Jason Baker vs. Arizona State (1997 Sun)
Field Goal	52 yards, Rob Houghtlin vs. UCLA (1986 Rose)

1957 ROSE • 1959 ROSE

1957 ROSE BOWL

Iowa 35, Oregon State 19

Jan. 1, 1957, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

Iowa	14	7	7	7	35
Oregon State	0	6	6	7	19

GAME RECAP

Switching from the mighty defensive role they played all season (which included four shutouts), Iowa put on a great offensive show to defeat Oregon State 35-19 in the 43rd Rose Bowl. It was the school's first bowl appearance. Iowa assumed an early lead on game MVP Kenny Ploen's 49-yard run. Ploen also completed 9-of-10 passes. Collins Hagler scored two TDs and totaled a game-best 85 rushing yards. Iowa played Oregon State during the regular season and had also won that encounter, 14-13. The Rose Bowl win was the Big Ten's 10th win in 11 games against its west coast opponents. Over 15,000 Hawkeye fans attended the game.

SCORING

IA - - Ploen, 49-yard run (Prescott kick)
IA - - Hagler, 9-yard run (Prescott kick)
OSU - - Berry, 3-yard run (kick failed)
IA - - Happel, 5-yard run (Prescott kick)
IA - - Hagler, 66-yard run (Prescott kick)
OSU - - Beamer, 1-yard run (kick failed)
IA - - Gibbons, 16-yard pass from Ploen (Prescott kick)
OSU - - Hammack, 35-yard pass from Francis (Beamer run)

Attendance: 97,126

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	OSU
16	First downs	16
48-301	Rushes-yards	46-166
107	Passing yards	130
11-15-1	Passes	10-14-0
63-408	Total offense	60-296
2-36	Punts-average	3-35
3-3	Fumbles-lost	4-3
5-50	Penalties-yards	6-60

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Hagler 10-85, Dobrino 4-64, Ploen 8-59
OSU: Francis 15-73, Beamer 7-31

PASSING

Iowa: Ploen 9-10-0-83
OSU: Francis 10-12-0-130

RECEIVING

Iowa: Gibbons 5-61, Harris 2-21
OSU: Hammack 4-65, Beamer 2-31

1959 ROSE BOWL

Iowa 38, California 12

Jan. 1, 1959, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

Iowa	7	13	12	6	38
California	0	0	6	6	12

GAME RECAP

Bob Jeter ran for 194 yards on nine carries, earned Player-of-the-Game honors and led Iowa to a 38-12 win over California in the 45th Rose Bowl. Over 18,000 Iowa fans made the trip to Pasadena. Head Coach Forest Evashevski had to get out of his sickbed to lead Iowa to its second Rose Bowl win in three years. Willie Fleming tallied twice for the winners. Fleming had 85 yards (nine attempts) on the ground. The Hawkeyes set Rose Bowl records for total offense (516) and rushing offense (429). Jeter's 21.6 yards per carry average and his 81-yard TD run were Rose Bowl records.

SCORING

IA - - Duncan, 2-yard run (Prescott kick)
IA - - Langston, 7-yard pass from Duncan (Prescott kick)
IA - - Horn, 4-yard run (kick failed)
CAL - - Hart, 1-yard run (pass failed)
IA - - Fleming, 37-yard run (pass failed)
IA - - Jeter, 81-yard run (pass failed)
IA - - Fleming, 7-yard run (pass failed)
CAL - - Hart, 17-yard pass from Kapp (run failed)

Attendance: 98,297

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	CAL
24	First downs	20
55-429	Rushes-yards	53-214
87	Passing yards	130
9-14-0	Passes	9-20-2
72-516	Total offense	78-344
3-41	Punts-average	5-37
3-1	Fumbles-lost	2-2
5-55	Penalties-yards	5-35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Jeter 9-194, Fleming 9-85, Gravel 3-45, Nocera 9-37
Cal: Olguin 9-62, Patton 9-45, Kapp 10-34

PASSING

Iowa: Duncan 5-7-0-50, Ogiego 4-5-0-37
Cal: Kapp 8-17-1-126

RECEIVING

Iowa: Prescott 3-31
Cal: Hart 4-61, Garvin 1-31

1982 ROSE • 1982 PEACH

1982 ROSE BOWL

Washington 28, Iowa 0

Jan. 1, 1982, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

Washington	0	13	0	15	28
Iowa	0	0	0	0	0

GAME RECAP

Washington's Jacque Robinson rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns as the Huskies blanked Iowa 28-0 in the 68th Rose Bowl game. One of the key plays was late in the first half when Iowa tried to convert a fourth-and-seven situation at Washington's 40-yard line. Pete Gales' pass was incomplete, and the Huskies moved the ball downfield and scored with 0:19 left for a 13-0 halftime lead. Iowa's offense turned the ball over five times while Washington had just one turnover. The game marked the third bowl game in school history and the first in 23 years.

SCORING

W - - Robinson, 1-yard run (Nelson kick)
W - - Coty, 1-yard run (pass failed)
W - - Robinson, 34-yard run (Skansi pass from Pelleur)
W - - Cowan, 3-yard run (Nelson kick)

Attendance: 105,611

WASH	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
22	First downs	14
51-186	Rushes-yards	43-180
142	Passing yards	84
15-29-1	Passes	10-21-3
80-328	Total offense	64-264
7-36	Punts-average	5-47
0-0	Fumbles-lost	2-2
3-28	Penalties-yards	6-73

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Granger 13-80, Bohannon 10-44
Washington: Robinson 20-142

PASSING

Iowa: Gales 4-7-1-51, Bohannon 6-14-2-33
Washington: Pelleur 15-29-1-142

RECEIVING

Iowa: Brown 6-52
Washington: Skansi 4-69, Allen 5-68

1982 PEACH BOWL

Iowa 28, Tennessee 22

Dec. 31, 1982, Fulton County Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia

Iowa	0	21	7	0	28
Tennessee	7	0	12	3	22

GAME RECAP

A brilliant passing performance by Chuck Long led the Hawkeyes to a 28-22 Peach Bowl win over Tennessee. Long completed 14 of 17 first half passes for 231 yards and three touchdowns. Iowa led 21-7 at the intermission. Long had 304 yards passing and 306 yards total offense, both Peach Bowl records. Dave Moritz tied the bowl game record with eight receptions, all in the first half. Nineteen Peach Bowl records were tied or broken. Iowa WR Ronnie Harmon had a pair of TD receptions. The Peach Bowl was the first non-Rose Bowl postseason game in school history.

SCORING

TN - - Cockrell, 6-yard run (Reveiz kick)
IA - - Moritz, 57-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
IA - - Harmon, 18-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
IA - - Harmon, 8-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
TN - - Coleman, 10-yard run (kick failed)
IA - - Phillips, 2-yard run (Nichol kick)
TN - - Gault, 19-yard pass from Cockrell (pass failed)
TN - - Reveiz, 27-yard field goal

Attendance: 50,134

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	TENN
24	First downs	23
43-110	Rushes-yards	38-154
304	Passing yards	221
19-26-1	Passes	22-41-0
69-414	Total offense	79-375
5-35	Punts-average	5-45
1-1	Fumbles-lost	2-1
3-30	Penalties-yards	7-47

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Gill 16-70, Phillips 10-34
Tennessee: Coleman 11-103, Furnas 12-52

PASSING

Iowa: Long 19-26-1-304
Tennessee: Cockrell 22-41-0-221

RECEIVING

Iowa: Moritz 8-168, Harmon 3-44, Gill 3-39
Tennessee: Wilson 7-62, Duncan 3-52, Miller 2-30

1983 GATOR • 1984 FREEDOM

1983 GATOR BOWL

Florida 14, Iowa 6

Dec. 30, 1983, Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Florida

Iowa	0		3		3		0		6
Florida	7		7		0		0		14

GAME RECAP

Cold weather stalled a couple of high-powered offenses in the 39th annual Gator Bowl as Florida defeated Iowa 14-6. The wind chill at game time was 13 degrees below zero. The Hawkeyes and Gators combined for six interceptions, 19 penalties and only seven of 31 third down conversions in the ragged contest. The play of the game took place with 1:08 left in the first half. Tom Nichol, attempting to punt out of his own end zone, misplayed a high snap and Florida's Doug Drew covered it for a touchdown. Nichol scored the Hawkeyes' only points on a pair of short field goals. Owen Gill led the Hawkeye offense with 83 yards rushing.

SCORING

FL - - Anderson, 1-yard run (Raymond kick)
IA - - Nichol, 32-yard field goal
FL - - Drew fumble recovery in end zone (Raymond kick)
IA - - Nichol, 31-yard field goal

Attendance: 81,293

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	FLORIDA
16	First downs	14
40-114	Rushes-yards	44-168
167	Passing yards	92
13-30-4	Passes	9-23-2
70-281	Total offense	67-250
2-40	Punts-average	7-38
2-1	Fumbles-lost	0-0
7-44	Penalties-yards	12-105

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Gill 10-83, Granger 9-37, Phillips 13-33
Florida: Anderson 17-84, Williams 10-68

PASSING

Iowa: Long 13-28-4-167
Florida: Peace 9-22-2-92

RECEIVING

Iowa: Harmon 6-90
Florida: Dixon 5-55

1984 FREEDOM BOWL

Iowa 55, Texas 17

Dec. 26, 1984, Anaheim Stadium, Anaheim, California

Texas	0		17		0		0		17
Iowa	14		10		31		0		55

GAME RECAP

Chuck Long's passing performance surpassed all previous bowl games as the Hawkeyes blasted Texas 55-17 in the inaugural Freedom Bowl. Long completed 29-39 passes for 461 yards and six TDs despite a steady rain throughout the game. Iowa scored 31 unanswered points in the third quarter. Long's third quarter totals were 12-14 passes for 241 yards and four touchdowns. Both Robert Smith (4 catches, 115 yards) and Bill Happel (8, 104) had over 100 yards receiving.

SCORING

IA - - Hayes, 6-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
IA - - Flagg, 11-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
TX - - Bryant, 11-yard pass from Dodge (Ward kick)
IA - - Bush, 1-yard run (Nichol kick)
TX - - Harris, 1-yard pass from Dodge (Ward kick)
TX - - FG Ward, 46-yard field goal
IA - - FG Nichol, 27-yard field goal
IA - - FG Nichol, 35-yard field goal
IA - - Happel, 33-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
IA - - Smith, 49-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
IA - - Helverson, 4-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)
IA - - Hayes, 15-yard pass from Long (Nichol kick)

Attendance: 24,093

TEXAS	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
15	First downs	28
35-115	Rushes-yards	41-91
185	Passing yards	469
17-34-2	Passes	30-40-0
69-300	Total offense	81-560
5-43	Punts-average	4-42
3-3	Fumbles-lost	5-2
6-50	Penalties-yards	4-27

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Gill 17-61.
Texas: Orr 12-67, Johnson 8-56

PASSING

Iowa: Long 29-39-0-461
Texas: Dodge 16-32-2-180

RECEIVING

Iowa: Smith 4-115, Happel 8-104, Flagg 5-71, Hayes 3-70, Helverson 4-66
Texas: Bryant 3-50, Duhon 1-47, Moerschell 4-40, Harris 6-37

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1986 ROSE BOWL

UCLA 45, Iowa 28

Jan. 1, 1986, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

UCLA	10	14	7	14	45
Iowa	7	3	7	11	28

GAME RECAP

UCLA freshman tailback Eric Ball paved the way for the Bruins' 45-28 upset victory over Big Ten champion Iowa. Ball, who didn't start, rambled for 227 yards on 22 carries. Ball scored on runs of 30, 40, six and 32 yards. Iowa QB Chuck Long completed 29 of 37 attempts for 319 yards and one score. The Hawkeyes turned the ball over five times, including four times in the first half, as UCLA built a 24-10 lead. RB Ronnie Harmon caught a career-high 11 passes for 102 yards and Rob Houghtlin added field goals of 24 and 52 yards. The teams combined for 889 yards of total offense and 54 first downs.

SCORING

IA - - Hudson, 1-yard run (Houghtlin kick)
UCLA - - Ball, 30-yard run (Lee kick)
UCLA - - FG Lee 42
IA - - Houghtlin, 24-yard field goal
UCLA - - Ball, 40-yard run (Lee kick)
UCLA - - Ball, 6 -yardrun (Lee kick)
IA - - Long, 4-yard run (Houghtlin kick)
UCLA - - Sherrard, 6-yard pass from Stevens (Lee kick)
UCLA - - Ball, 32-yard run (Lee kick)
IA - - Houghtlin, 52-yard field goal
UCLA - - Stevens, 1-yard run (Lee kick)
IA - - Happel, 11-yard pass from Long (K. Harmon run)

Attendance: 103,292

UCLA	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
29	First downs	25
55-299	Rushes-yards	34-82
189	Passing yards	319
16-26-1	Passes	29-38-1
81-488	Total offense	72-401
2-38	Punts-average	2-32
3-2	Fumbles-lost	4-4
6-36	Penalties-yards	5-40

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: R. Harmon 14-55, Hudson 13-53
UCLA: Ball 22-227, Green 13-46, Farr 5-42

PASSING

Iowa: Long 29-37-1-319
UCLA: Stevens 16-26-1-189

RECEIVING

Iowa: R. Harmon 11-102, Happel 6-89, Flagg 3-55, Smith 4-44
UCLA: Dorrell 3-59, Sherrard 4-48, Tennell 3-30

1986 HOLIDAY BOWL

Iowa 39, San Diego State 38

Dec. 30, 1986, Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego, California

Iowa	7	6	8	18	39
San Diego State	6	15	7	10	38

GAME RECAP

Rob Houghtlin's 41-yard field goal as time expired culminated an 18-point blitz in the final 8:39 and helped Iowa down San Diego State 39-38 in the ninth annual Holiday Bowl. The Hawkeyes stormed back on a pair of Mark Vlasic TD throws in the final period to take a 36-35 lead. SDSU's Kevin Rahill booted a 21-yard FG with 0:47 left to give the Aztecs a 38-36 advantage. Kevin Harmon returned the ensuing kickoff to the SDSU 37-yard line, and Houghtlin kicked the game winner four plays later. Iowa was able to win only after converting two-point conversions following two of its final three touchdowns.

SCORING

IA - - Bayless, 5-yard run (Houghtlin kick)
SDSU - - Hardy, 6-yard pass from Santos (kick failed)
SDSU - - Jackson, 44-yard pass from Santos (Hardy run)
IA - - Vlasic, 1-yard run (kick failed)
SDSU - - Gilbreath, 28-yard pass from Santos (Rahill kick)
SDSU - - Gilmore, 1-yard run (Rahill kick)
IA - - Hudson, 1-yard run (Smith pass from Vlasic)
SDSU - - Hardy, 6-yard run (Rahill kick)
IA - - Cook, 29-yard pass from Vlasic (Flagg pass from Hartlieb)
IA - - Flagg, 4-yard pass from Vlasic (Houghtlin kick)
SDSU - - Rahill, 21-yard field goal
IA - - Houghtlin, 41-yard field goal

Attendance: 59,473

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	SDSU
21	First downs	17
41-141	Rushes-yards	36-117
222	Passing yards	298
15-29-1	Passes	21-33-2
70-363	Total offense	69-415
4-43	Punts-average	5-47
2-1	Fumbles-lost	0-0
4-17	Penalties-yards	7-70

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Bayless 19-110, Hudson 9-43
SDSU: Hardy 26-83, Gilmore 7-35

PASSING

Iowa: Vlasic 15-28-1-222
SDSU: Santos 21-33-2-298

RECEIVING

Iowa: Flagg 4-66, Early 3-57, Cook 2-51
SDSU: Jackson 2-89, Gilbreath 5-87, Gilmore 9-70

1987 HOLIDAY • 1988 PEACH

1987 HOLIDAY BOWL

Iowa 20, Wyoming 19

Dec. 30, 1987, Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego, California

Iowa	0	7	0	13	20
Wyoming	12	7	0	0	19

GAME RECAP

Iowa's defense and special teams scored two touchdowns and FB David Hudson tallied on a short run in the fourth period to rally the Hawkeyes to a 20-19 triumph over Wyoming in the 10th Holiday Bowl. Merton Hanks deflected a second-period punt, the first of his two blocked kicks, and Jay Hess covered it in the end zone for a score. Anthony Wright cut the lead to 19-13 with a 33-yard interception return. Greg Worker's 52-yard FG attempt was blocked by Hanks with 46 seconds left to preserve the victory. Wright, who added six tackles, was Iowa's game MVP. Wyoming had a 12-0 lead before Hess got the Hawkeyes on the scoreboard, but Iowa still trailed 19-7 at halftime before pitching a shutout in the second half.

SCORING

W - - Worker, 43-yard field goal
W - - Worker, 38-yard field goal
W - - Loving, 15-yard pass from Burnett (pass failed)
IA - - Hess, 10-yard blocked punt return (Houghtlin kick)
W - - Abraham, 3-yard run (Worker kick)
IA - - Wright, 33-yard interception return (Houghtlin kick)
IA - - Hudson, 1-yard run (pass failed)

Attendance: 61,892

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	WYOMING
17	First downs	19
36-94	Rushes-yards	21-43
237	Passing yards	332
21-35-0	Passes	28-51-1
71-331	Total offense	72-375
8-42	Punts-average	6-30
1-1	Fumbles-lost	0-0
6-57	Penalties-yards	7-61

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Harmon 12-47, Hudson 10-43
Wyoming: Abraham 14-39

PASSING

Iowa: Hartlieb 21-35-0-237
Wyoming: Burnett 28-51-1-332

RECEIVING

Iowa: Flagg 6-93, Watkins 4-72, Cook 6-43
Wyoming: Sargent 8-106, Loving 5-63, Wood 4-51, Joseph 4-42

1988 PEACH BOWL

N.C. State 28, Iowa 23

Dec. 31, 1988, Fulton County Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia

Iowa	3	7	7	6	23
N.C. State	7	21	0	0	28

GAME RECAP

Iowa couldn't overcome seven turnovers, including three interceptions by North Carolina State's Michael Brooks, in a 28-23 loss in the Peach Bowl. NCSU jumped out to a 28-3 lead before the Hawkeyes staged a furious comeback with 20 unanswered points. Chuck Hartlieb passed for 428 yards -- 122 to Marv Cook and 101 and two TDs to Deven Harberts -- in the catch-up effort. The Hawkeyes trailed 28-3 just 15 minutes into the game before Hartlieb worked his magic. The Wolfpack also committed seven turnovers, losing five fumbles. Freshman Tyrell Jackson scored two TDs for North Carolina State.

SCORING

NCSU - - Davenport, 1 run (Hartman kick)
IA - - Murphy, 30-yard field goal
NCSU - - Peebles, 75-yard pass from Montgomery (Hartman kick)
NCSU - - Jackson, 2-yard run (Hartman kick)
NCSU - - Jackson, 30-yard run (Hartman kick)
IA - - Harberts, 8-yard pass from Hartlieb (Murphy kick)
IA - - Harberts, 22-yard pass from Hartlieb (Murphy kick)
IA - - Smith, 7-yard pass from Hartlieb (pass failed)

Attendance: 44,635

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	NCSU
21	First downs	24
19-46	Rushes-yards	72-236
428	Passing yards	195
30-51-4	Passes	11-23-2
70-447	Total offense	95-401
6-36	Punts-average	5-36
4-3	Fumbles-lost	8-5
4-44	Penalties-yards	4-40

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Saunders 6-22
NCSU: Jackson 17-86, Crite 13-53

PASSING

Iowa: Hartlieb 30-51-4-428
NCSU: Montgomery 7-10-1-152

RECEIVING

Iowa: Cook 8-122, Harberts 6-101, Bass 4-67
NCSU: Peebles 2-91

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1991 ROSE BOWL

Washington 46, Iowa 34

Jan. 1, 1991, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, California

Iowa	0	7	7	20	34
Washington	10	23	6	7	46

GAME RECAP

Iowa charged back from a 33-7 halftime deficit to pull within 13 (39-26) with 5:07 left, but Washington held on to defeat the Hawkeyes 46-34 in the highest-scoring game in Rose Bowl history. Nick Bell gained 64 yards to go over 1,000 for the season (1,009) and Tony Stewart became Iowa's all-time leading rusher (2,562). The receiving corps was a bright spot for Iowa, combining for 315 yards on 17 catches. Mike Saunders led Iowa's receivers with five catches for 99 yards and Bell totaled 85 yards on three receptions. Bell and QB Matt Rodgers both rushed for two touchdowns.

SCORING

W - - Hanson, 23-yard field goal
W - - Hall, 27 return of blocked punt (Hanson kick)
IA - - Bell, 15-yard run (Skillett kick)
W - - Hanson, 38-yard field goal
W - - Mincy, 37-yard return of interception (run failed)
W - - Brunell, 5-yard run (Hanson kick)
W - - Bailey, 22-yard pass from Brunell (Hanson kick)
IA - - Rodgers, 7-yard run (Skillett kick)
W - - Brunell, 20-yard run (run failed)
IA - - Rodgers, 9-yard run (run failed)
IA - - Bell, 20-yard run (run failed)
W - - Bailey, 31-yard pass from Brunell (Hanson kick)
IA - - Saunders, 12-yard pass from Rodgers (Velicer pass from Rodgers)

Attendance: 101,273

WASH	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
19	First downs	19
40-222	Rushes-yards	39-139
163	Passing yards	315
65-385	Total Offense	76-454
14-25-2	Passes	17-37-4
4-42	Punts-average	6-33
3-1	Fumbles-lost	4-1
5-45	Penalties-yards	8-55
30:30	Possession time	29:30

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Bell 11-64, Montgomery 4-26, Stewart 7-21
Washington: Lewis 19-128, Bryant 3-47, Brunell 10-28

PASSING

Iowa: Rodgers 15-34-3-196, Hughes 1-1-0-66, Titley 1-1-0-53
Washington: Brunell 14-22-1-163

RECEIVING

Iowa: Saunders 5-99, Bell 3-85, Filloon 1-53
Washington: Bailey 2-53, Turner 3-36, Pierce 4-32

1991 HOLIDAY BOWL

Iowa 13, Brigham Young 13

Dec. 30, 1991, Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego, California

Iowa	6	7	0	0	13
BYU	0	6	0	7	13

GAME RECAP

Iowa's attempt to become the winningest team in Hawkeye history came up just short at the hands of Ty Detmer and Brigham Young. The 1990 Heisman Trophy winner passed for 350 yards in rallying the Cougars back from a 13-0 halftime deficit. Iowa built its lead on two touchdown runs by Mike Saunders. Saunders joined Iowa's exclusive 1,000-yard in a season club. He had 103 yards on 19 carries in the Holiday Bowl to give him 1,022 for the season and 1,476 career rushing yards. Iowa QB Matt Rodgers completed 19 of 28 passes for 221 yards. Jon Filloon caught a career-high seven passes for 107 yards in his final game as a Hawkeye. All-American defensive end Leroy Smith was injured in the first half and never returned to the Iowa lineup. BYU had a chance to win the game with under 30 seconds to play. The Cougars had a first down on the Iowa 18-yard line with the score tied. However, Detmer's final pass was intercepted by Carlos James at the goal line. Teddy Jo Faley led Iowa's defenders with 14 tackles, including 13 solo stops. The Hawkeyes finished the season ranked 10th in both the AP and CNN/USA Today polls with a 10-1-1 record.

SCORING

IA - - Saunders, 13-yard run (kick failed)
IA - - Saunders, 5-yard run (Skillett kick)
BYU - - Tuipulotu, 9-yard pass from Detmer (kick failed)
BYU - - Anderson, 29-yard pass from Detmer (Kauffman kick)

Attendance: 60,646

BYU	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
26	First downs	20
33-80	Rushes-yards	33-125
350	Passing yards	221
29-44-1	Passes	19-28-1
2-88	Punts-average	4-139
0-0	Fumbles-lost	0-0
7-60	Penalties-yards	7-61
32:23	Possession time	27:37

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Saunders 19-103, Montgomery 7-35
BYU: Willis 13-61, Tuipulotu 12-44

PASSING

Iowa: Rodgers 19-28-1-221
BYU: Detmer 29-44-1-350

RECEIVING

Iowa: Filloon 7-107, Hughes 5-48, Cross 3-31
BYU: Tuipulotu 8-85, Rex 6-71, Drage 5-62, Nowatzke 3-60

TACKLES

Iowa: Faley 14, Polly 8, Blue 6, Clark 6, Derby 6
BYU: Hansen 9, Mitchell 9, Arnold 8, Biegel 6

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1993 ALAMO BOWL

California 37, Iowa 3

Dec. 31, 1993, Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas

Iowa	0	0	3	0	3
California	6	17	7	7	37

GAME RECAP

California exploded for 17 points in the second quarter and defeated Iowa 37-3 in the inaugural Alamo Bowl. The Golden Bears built a 9-0 lead on three field goals by Doug Brien, then expanded their advantage to 16-0 on a six-yard touchdown pass from Dave Barr to Mike Caldwell. Iowa's deficit grew when Jerrott Willard picked off a Paul Burmeister pass and ran it 61 yards for a score just before halftime. Iowa's only points in the second half came on a 42-yard field goal by Brion Hurley in the third quarter. Iowa finished the season 6-6. A bright spot was punter Nick Gallery, who averaged 43 yards on eight punts. Harold Jasper had four pass receptions for 55 yards to lead Iowa's receivers. Larry Blue received the Alamo Bowl Sportsmanship Award. The game marked Coach Hayden Fry's first return to his home state for a game since he took the Iowa job 15 years earlier.

SCORING

Cal - - Brien, 37-yard field goal
Cal - - Brien, 20-yard field goal
Cal - - Brien, 30-yard field goal
Cal - - Caldwell, 6-yard pass from Barr (Brien kick)
Cal - - Willard, 61-yard interception return (Brien kick)
IA - - Hurley, 42-yard field goal
Cal - - Uwaezuoke, 34-yard pass from Barr (Brien kick)
Cal - - Remington, 12-yard pass from Barr (Brien kick)

Attendance: 45,716

CAL	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
28	First downs	5
55-179	Rushes-yards	21-20
266	Passing yards	70
445	Total offense	90
21-28-0	Passes	6-17-1
2-42	Punts-average	8-43
3-1	Fumbles-lost	1-0
5-35	Penalties-yards	10-74
43:14	Possession time	16:46

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Kahl 5-27, King 5-19, Shaw 4-14
California: Chapman 24-89, Edwards 6-42, Rutherford 10-40

PASSING

Iowa: Burmeister 6-17-1-37
California: Barr 21-28-0-266

RECEIVING

Iowa: Jasper 4-55, Dean 2-15
California: Caldwell 5-80, Uwaezuoke 2-55, Chapman 5-50

TACKLES

Iowa: Dailey 16, Sether 10, Hilliard 9
California: Willard 6, Spears 5

1995 SUN BOWL

Iowa 38, Washington 18

Dec. 29, 1995, Sun Bowl Stadium, El Paso, Texas

Iowa	10	11	10	7	38
Washington	0	0	6	12	18

GAME RECAP

Iowa jumped out to the early lead and didn't look back, defeating Pac-10 co-champion Washington, 38-18, in the 62nd annual Sun Bowl. Sedrick Shaw started the Iowa scoring by taking a handoff and running 58 yards for a touchdown only 1:52 into the game. Kickers Brion Hurley and Zach Bromert each added a pair of field goals. Hurley kicked his third field goal of the day from 50 yards out as Iowa's lead climbed to 24 in the third quarter. Iowa fullback Michael Burger scored on runs of eight- and one-yard to increase the score to 38-6 before Washington added two late scores. The Iowa defense recorded four sacks while forcing three fumbles. Hawkeye running backs Shaw (135) and Tavian Banks (122) each rushed for over 100 yards.

SCORING

IA - - Shaw, 58-yard run (Bromert kick)
IA - - Hurley, 49-yard field goal
IA - - Safety, punt snap out of endzone
IA - - Bromert, 33-yard field goal
IA - - Hurley, 47-yard field goal
IA - - Hurley, 50-yard field goal
W - - Pathon, 30-yard pass from Fortney (pass failed)
IA - - Burger, 8-yard run (Bromert kick)
IA - - Burger, 1-yard run (Bromert kick)
W - - Coleman, 3-yard pass from Huard (pass failed)
W - - Conwell, 20-yard pass from Huard (run failed)

Attendance: 49,116

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	WASH
18	First downs	14
50-286	Rushes-yards	29-96
135	Passing yards	250
421	Total offense	346
26-11-2	Passes	37-19-0
5-39.4	Punts-average	7-27.1
1-0	Fumbles-lost	3-3
12-106	Penalties-yards	8-58
35:32	Possession time	24:28

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Shaw 21-135, Banks 13-122, Burger 7-39
Washington: Neal 9-65, Shehee 8-38

PASSING

Iowa: Sherman 24-11-1-135
Washington: Huard 26-14-0-194, Fortney 11-5-0-56

RECEIVING

Iowa: Slutzker 4-66, Dwight 3-40
Washington: Conwell 4-71, Pathen 4-62, Coleman 3-33

TACKLES

Iowa: Rollins 8, Diaco 6, Jackson 6
Washington: Aleaga 14, Devers 9, Jensen 9, Malloe 9, Davis 9

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1996 ALAMO BOWL

Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0

Dec. 29, 1996, Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas

Iowa	6	11	0	10	27
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	0

GAME RECAP

In its first trip back to San Antonio since losing to California 37-3 in the inaugural 1993 Alamo Bowl, Iowa's defense put on a clinic in stopping the run - one runner in particular. Iowa's group of run-stoppers, headed by sophomore linebackers Matt Hughes and Vernon Rollins, held Doak Walker Award winner and 2,000-yard rusher Byron Hanspard to 64 yards rushing on 18 attempts. In the process the Hawkeyes shut down Texas Tech for a dominating 27-0 win. Hanspard's longest run of the evening was 17 yards, as Iowa controlled the line of scrimmage and limited the Red Raiders to 60 yards total rushing. The victory was Iowa's second shutout of the season (the Hawkeyes also blanked Wisconsin 31-0). And while Hanspard was held in check throughout, Iowa senior Sedrick Shaw was unstoppable as he rushed for 113 yards on 20 carries and one touchdown. Shaw's second touchdown run was impressive, as he broke three tackles enroute to the end zone. Matt Sherman led a consistent Iowa offense with 126 yards passing - 105 to wide receiver Tim Dwight. The Hawkeye ground attack churned for 217 yards. Hughes finished with eight tackles, while Rollins added five. Sophomore Jared DeVries finished with two sacks and five tackles, three for a loss. Shaw and DeVries were named offensive and defensive MVP's, respectively.

SCORING

IA - - Sherman, 1-yard run (Bromert rush failed)
IA - - Shaw, 20-yard run (Knipper pass reception)
IA - - Bromert, 36-yard field goal
IA - - Bromert, 26-yard field goal
IA - - Filer ,14-yard run (Bromert kick)

Attendance: 55,677

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	TX TECH
23	First downs	13
52-217	Rushes-yards	31-61
139	Passing yards	145
356	Total offense	206
10-17	Passes	14-32
0-0	Fumbles-lost	0-0
8-78	Penalties-yards	7-68
34:56	Possession time	25:04

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Shaw 20-113, Filer 4-41, Banks 13-30, Granquist 4-25
Texas Tech: Hanspard 18-64, Lethridge 12- (-4)

RECEIVING

Iowa: Dwight 6-105, Knipper 1-17, Willock 1-13
Texas Tech: Hart 4-46, McKenzie 3-38, DuBuc 3-20

PASSING

Iowa: Sherman 9-16-126, Driscoll 1-1-13
Texas Tech: 13-28-1-139. Cavazos 1-4-6

TACKLES

Iowa: Hughes 8, DeVries 5, Rollins 5, Ennis-Inge 5
Texas Tech: Brown 7, Reagor 6, Jones 5, Johnson 5

1997 SUN BOWL

Arizona State 17, Iowa 7

Dec. 31, 1997, Sun Bowl Stadium, El Paso, Texas

Arizona State	0	10	7	0	17
Iowa	0	0	0	7	7

GAME RECAP

An incredible defensive effort by Arizona State picked apart Iowa's ninth-ranked offense and earned the Sun Devils a 17-7 win in the Norwest Sun Bowl. The Sun Devil offense overshadowed Iowa, as ASU rushed for 268 yards and compiled 377 yards total offense. RB Tavian Banks sparked the offense unit on Iowa's second possession, breaking loose for a 26-yard run to the ASU 30. Unfortunately, for Iowa, ASU held the nation's fourth-best rusher to only 52 yards in the game. In the second quarter ASU set a seven-play, 55-yard scoring drive into motion, and never looked back. The Sun Devils recovered an Iowa fumble late in the first half and added a field goal for a 10-0 halftime advantage.

Iowa was able to score on a six-play, 87-yard scoring drive, under the direction of quarterback Randy Reiners, late in the fourth quarter. LBs Raj Clark and Matt Hughes led the Iowa defense, each recording 12 tackles, while CB Ed Gibson added 11. Jared DeVries contributed nine tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack. Iowa punter Jason Baker was named Sun Bowl Special Teams MVP after averaging 48.9 yards per punt, including a Sun Bowl-record 76-yarder.

SCORING

ASU - - Jackson, 35-yard pass from Campbell (Nycz kick)
ASU - - Nycz, 20-yard field goal
ASU - - Martin, 1-yard run (Nycz kick)
IA - - Carter, 26-yard pass from Reiners (Bromert kick)

Attendance: 49,104

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	ASU
10	First Downs	18
30-19	Rushes-Yards	61-268
190	Passing Yards	109
209	Total Yards	377
12-27-0	Passes	5-11-0
8-48.9	Punts-Average	9-36.1
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
7-44	Penalities-Yards	11-90
24:31	Possession Time	35:29

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Iowa: Banks 14-52, Thein 3-5
Arizona State: Martin 27-169, Redmond 13-50, Farlow 8-30, Paulk 5-20

PASSING

Iowa: Sherman 8-22-0-120, Reiners 4-5-0-70
Arizona State: Campbell 5-11-0-109

RECEIVING

Iowa: Gibson 3-79, Dwight 3-51, Banks 2-12
Arizona State: Jackson 2-44, Mitchell 1-41

TACKLES

Iowa: Clark 12, Hughes 12, Gibson 11, Cooks 10, LaFleur 10
Arizona State: Jackson 7, Staat 6

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2001 ALAMO BOWL

Iowa 19, Texas Tech 16

Dec. 29, 2001, Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas

Texas Tech	0		3		7		6		16
Iowa	3		7		3		6		19

GAME RECAP

Iowa's Nate Kaeding kicked a 47-yard field goal with 44 seconds to play in the game and defensive back Bob Sanders intercepted a Texas Tech pass in the endzone on the final play as Iowa defeated the Red Raiders 19-16 in the 2001 Alamo Bowl. The crowd of 65,232 marked the second largest crowd in Alamo Bowl history.

The Hawkeye drove 53 yards in eight plays for the final score of the game, which was the fourth field goal of the day for Kaeding. Texas Tech had tied the score at 16-16 with 2:05 remaining before Iowa's game winning drive. Iowa QB Kyle McCann accounted for most of the yardage in the final scoring drive. He compleded three straight passes for 41 totals yards and then scrambled for 16 yards to the Tech 26-yardline to set up Kaeding's game winning kick.

Kaeding tied an Iowa record with the four field goals, which came from 36, 31, 46 and 47 yards.

DL Derrick Pickens was named the Outstanding Defensive Player of the Game, while RB Aaron Greving earned that award for offense. Filling in for the injured Ladell Betts, Greving rushed 25 times for 115 yards, including a one-yard scoring run for Iowa's only touchdown. McCann completed 19-26 passes for 161 yards, with no interceptions.

Along with the interception on the final play of the game, Sanders led the Iowa defense with 11 tackles.

SCORING

IA - - Kaeding, 36-yard field goal
IA - - Greving, 1-yard run (Kaeding kick)
Tech - - Greathouse, 50-yard field goal
Tech - - Walker, 20-yard pass from Kingsbury (Treece kick)
IA - - Kaeding, 31-yard field goal
IA - - Kaeding, 46-yard field goal
Tech - - Treece, 23-yard field goal
Tech - - Treece, 37-yard field goal
IA - - Kaeding, 47-yard field goal

Attendance: 65,232

TEXAS TECH	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
20	First Downs	20
20-80	Rushes-Yards	44-178
309	Passing Yards	161
49-29-3	Passes (A-C-I)	26-19-0
389	Total Offense	339
5-37.2	Punts-Average	5-36.0
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
5-35	Penalties-Yards	5-26
24:57	Possession Time	35:03

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING

Texas Tech: Kingsbury 9-42, Williams 9-30
Iowa: Greving 25-115, Allen 7-36

PASSING

Texas Tech: Kingsbury 49-29-3-309
Iowa: McCann 26-19-0-161

RECEIVING

Texas Tech: Peters 8-60, Glover 6-77, Welker 6-62
Iowa: Hill 6-49, Clark 4-30, Dodge 4-26

TACKLES

Texas Tech: Sailor 12, Hawkins 9
Iowa: Sanders 10, Steen 7, Meyer 7

2003 ORANGE BOWL

Southern California 38, Iowa 17

Jan. 2, 2003, Pro Player Stadium, Miami, Florida

Iowa	10		0		0		7		17
Southern Cal	7		3		14		14		38

GAME RECAP

Southern Cal's big second half lifted the Trojans past Iowa, 38-17 in the 2003 FedEx Orange Bowl. Iowa, which saw its nine-game winning streak come to an end, completed the season with an 11-2 overall record and an eighth place ranking in the final polls.

Hawkeye C.J. Jones opened the game by returning the kickoff an Orange Bowl record 100 yards, giving Iowa an early 7-0 lead.

Iowa had an opportunity to take the lead, but a seven-play, 41-yard drive stalled on the USC one-yard line as the half ended and USC blocked an Iowa field goal attempt in the final play of the half.

Heisman Trophy winning QB Carson Palmer led USC by completing 21 of 31 passes for 303 yards and one touchdown. He was named the Orange Bowl MVP.

QB Brad Banks completed 15-36 passes for 204 yards and one touchdown. Banks threw 103 consecutive passes without an interception before USC's Jason Leach picked one off in the fourth quarter.

WR Maurice Brown and TE Dallas Clark led the Iowa receivers. Brown had six receptions for 63 yards and a touchdown, while Clark tallied four receptions for 97 yards. Brown's 18-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter broke the school record for TD receptions in a season.

Jones ran back four kickoffs for 169 yards, which is an Orange Bowl record and an Iowa bowl game record for return yards.

Defensive backs Bob Sanders and Derek Pagel led Iowa's defensive unit recording 13 and 10 tackles, respectively. The Iowa defense sacked Palmer four times.

SCORING

IA - - Jones, 100-yard kickoff return (Kaeding kick)
USC - - Fargas, 4-yard run (Killeen kick)
IA - - Kaeding, 35-yard field goal
USC - - Killeen, 35-yard field goal
USC - - Williams, 18-yard pass from Palmer (Killeen kick)
USC - - Fargas, 50-yard run (Killeen kick)
USC - - McCullough, 5-yard run (Killeen kick)
USC - - Byrd, 6-yard run (Killeen kick)
IA - - Brown, 18-yard pass from Banks (Kaeding kick)

Attendance: 75,971

USC	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
30	First Downs	18
49-247	Rushes-Yards	22-119
303	Passing Yards	204
21-31-0	Passes (C-A-I)	15-36-1
550	Total Offense	323
2-37.5	Punts-Average	5-42.6
2-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
6-45	Penalties-Yards	13-85
38:06	Possession Time	21:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:

Iowa: Russell 9-45, Banks 8-36
USC: Fargas 20-122, McCullough 12-76

PASSING:

Iowa: Banks 36-15-1-204
USC: Palmer 31-21-0-303

RECEIVING:

Iowa: Clark 4-97, Brown 6-63
USC: Williams 6-99, Colbert 6-81

TACKLES:

Iowa: Sanders 13, Pagel 10
USC: Pollard 6, Grootegoed 6

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2004 OUTBACK BOWL

Iowa 37, Florida 17

Jan. 1, 2004, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

Iowa	7	13	14	3	37
Florida	7	0	3	7	17

GAME RECAP

After falling behind 7-0 in the first quarter, Iowa scored 27 unanswered points en route to a 37-17 triumph over No. 17 Florida in the 2004 Outback Bowl. The victory was Iowa's first over the Gators and its first January bowl win since the 1959 Rose Bowl.

WR Maurice Brown caught a three-yard touchdown pass from QB Nathan Chandler to even the game at 7-7 late in the first quarter. PK Nate Kaeding converted a 47-yard field goal to give Iowa the lead, and the Hawkeyes followed with a Chandler five-yard scoring run. A 32-yard Kaeding field goal gave Iowa a 20-7 halftime lead.

Iowa maintained momentum in the second half after holding Florida to a three-and-out on its first possession. Matt Melloy blocked the Florida punt and also recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown.

Iowa RB Fred Russell, who was named Outback Bowl MVP, later scampered 34 yards for a touchdown to give Iowa a commanding 34-10 advantage. Kaeding added a 38-yard field goal to end Iowa's scoring.

Russell finished with 204 all-purpose yards. He carried the ball 21 times for 150 yards and one touchdown and returned three kickoffs for 54 yards. Chandler completed 13-25 passes for 170 yards, one passing touchdown, one rushing score and no interceptions. Brown caught six passes for 96 yards and one score.

Defensively, Iowa held the Gators to an Outback Bowl record-low 57 rushing yards. DB Sean Considine collected a game-high nine tackles (three solo, six assists). LB Abdul Hodge registered eight stops (three solo, five assists).

SCORING

UF - - Kight, 70-yard pass from Leak (Leach kick)
IA - - Brown, 3-yard pass from Chandler (Kaeding kick)
IA - - Kaeding, 47-yard field goal
IA - - Chandler, 5-yard run (Kaeding kick)
IA - - Kaeding, 32-yard field goal
IA - - Melloy, recovered blocked punt in end zone (Kaeding kick)
UF - - Leach, 48-yard field goal
IA - - Russell, 34-yard run (Kaeding kick)
IA - - Kaeding, 38-yard field goal
UF - - Baker, 25-yard pass from Leak (Leach kick)

Attendance: 65,372

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	FLORIDA
22	First Downs	16
49-328	Rushes-Yards	28-57
170	Passing Yards	268
408	Total Offense	325
13-26-0	Passes	22-41-1
7-42.6	Punts-Average	10-40.1
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
3-15	Penalties-Yards	4-43
34:10	Possession Time	25:50

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
Iowa: Russell 21-150, Lewis 12-45
UF: Carthon 10-44, Fason 4-23

PASSING:
Iowa: Chandler 25-13-0-170
UF: Leak 41-22-1-268

RECEIVING:
Iowa: Brown 6-96, Hinkel 3-44
UF: Perez 7-70, Small 3-37

TACKLES:
Iowa: Considine 9, Hodge 8
UF: Crowder 8, Thomas 7, Bailey 7

2005 CAPITAL ONE BOWL

Iowa 30, LSU 25

Jan. 1, 2005, Florida Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Florida

LSU	0	12	0	13	25
Iowa	7	7	3	13	30

GAME RECAP

Fifth-year senior Warren Holloway caught an improbable 56-yard game-winning touchdown pass from QB Drew Tate as time expired to lift Iowa to a thrilling 30-25 triumph over 11th-ranked LSU in the 2005 Capital One Bowl. The 56-yard bomb on the final play was arguably the best finish in bowl history. The reception was Holloway's first career touchdown.

Iowa grabbed an early 7-0 lead when Tate connected with WR Clinton Solomon on a 57-yard score on its first possession. LSU cut the Hawkeye lead to 7-6 on a pair of field goals midway through the second quarter. Iowa extended its lead to 14-6 when Miguel Merrick blocked a punt and Sean Considine returned the ball seven yards for a touchdown.

PK Kyle Schlicher scored the only points of the third quarter on a 19-yard field goal to stretch Iowa's lead to 17-12. RB Marques Simmons scored on a four-yard run with 12:48 remaining to give the Hawkeyes a 24-12 advantage. LSU rallied with a pair of touchdown passes to WR Skyler Green (22 and three yards) as the Tigers took their first lead of the game, 25-24, with 46 seconds left.

Tate drove the Hawkeyes to the 44-yard line before throwing the pass to Holloway as the final seconds clicked off the clock. Tate was named the Capital One Bowl MVP, while DL Jonathan Babineaux was recognized as Iowa's Defensive MVP. Tate completed 20-32 passes for 287 yards and two touchdowns. The scoring passes of 56 and 57 yards marked the first time an Iowa quarterback has tossed two touchdowns over 50 yards in a bowl game. WR Ed Hinkel caught a career and game-high 10 passes for 93 yards. Solomon caught four passes for 81 yards and one score, while Holloway caught four passes for 72 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, Iowa recorded 10 tackles for loss, including five sacks. LB Abdul Hodge racked up a game-high 15 tackles (10 solo), including 2.5 sacks. LB Chad Greenway tallied nine tackles (seven solo), including one for loss. Babineaux registered seven tackles (five solo), including 4.5 for loss and 2.5 sacks. Additionally, the Hawkeyes' special teams blocked two punts, including returning one for a touchdown.

SCORING

IA - - Solomon, 57-yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick)
LSU - - Jackson, 29-yard field goal
LSU - - Jackson, 47-yard field goal
IA - - Considine, 7-yard blocked punt return (Schlicher kick)
LSU - - Broussard, 74-yard run (Jackson kick failed)
IA - - Schlicher, 19-yard field goal
IA - - Simmons, 4-yard run (Schlicher kick)
LSU - - Green, 22-yard pass from Russel (Jackson kick)
LSU - - Green, 3-yard pass from Russel (Russel pass failed)
IA - - Holloway, 56-yard pass from Tate (no PAT attempted)

Attendance: 70,229

LSU	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
19	First Downs	16
36-167	Rushes-Yards	29-47
228	Passing Yards	287
346	Total Offense	334
23-35-1	Passes	20-32-2
6-30.2	Punts-Average	6-49.2
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
5-42	Penalties-Yards	9-50
34:12	Possession Time	25:48

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Simmons 13-35, Mickens 5-14
LSU: Broussard 13-109, Addai 11-27

PASSING:
IOWA: Tate 20-32-2-287
LSU: Russel 12-15-0-128, Randall 10-15-1-89

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Hinkel 10-93, Solomon 4-81
LSU: Bowe 8-122, Green 6-59

TACKLES:
IOWA: Hodge 15, Greenway 9
LSU: Daniels 7, Turner 7

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2006 OUTBACK BOWL

Florida 31, Iowa 24

Jan. 2, 2006, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

Iowa	0		7		0		17	24
Florida	7		17		7		0	31

GAME RECAP

Florida scored the game's first 17 points and held off a late Iowa surge to defeat the Hawkeyes 31-24 in the 2006 Outback Bowl at Tampa, FL.

The Gators blocked and returned an Iowa punt for a score on Iowa's first possession to take a 7-0 advantage. Florida then added a 21-yard field goal and returned an interception 60 yards to take a 17-0 lead with 1:57 left in the first half.

Iowa scored its first points on a 20-yard touchdown pass from QB Drew Tate to WR Clinton Solomon.

Florida added a 38-yard touchdown pass for the only score of the third quarter, but Iowa rallied to score 17 fourth-quarter points to make for an exciting finish. WR Ed Hinkel caught touchdown passes of four and 14 yards from Tate, while PK Kyle Schlicher converted a 45-yard field goal to cut the Florida lead to 34-21 with 1:24 left.

Iowa's comeback fell short as the Hawkeyes failed to recover an onside kick. On the previous play, Iowa recovered the onside kick, only to be flagged for an offside penalty.

Tate completed 32-55 passes for 346 yards and three scores; the 32 pass completions and 55 attempts established Iowa bowl records. Hinkel caught a team-high nine passes for 87 yards and tied an Iowa bowl record with two touchdown receptions. Damian Sims tied an Iowa bowl record with five kickoff returns for 107 yards.

LB Abdul Hodge amassed an Outback Bowl and Iowa bowl record 19 tackles (14 solo) to lead the Hawkeye defense. DB Antwan Allen and DB Marcus Paschal each added 10 tackles, while LB Chad Greenway recorded nine stops.

SCORING

UF - - McCollum, 6-yard blocked punt return (Hetland kick)
UF - - Hetland, 21-yard field goal
UF - - Brown, 60-yard interception return (Hetland kick)
IA - - Solomon, 20-yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick)
UF - - Baker, 24-yard pass from Leak (Hetland kick)
UF - - Baker, 38-yard pass from Leak (Hetland kick)
IA - - Hinkel, 4-yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick)
IA - - Hinkel, 14-yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick)
IA - - Schlicher, 45-yard field goal

Attendance: 65,881

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	FLORIDA
23	First Downs	26
20-64	Rushes-Yards	42-169
346	Passing Yards	278
410	Total Offense	447
32-55-1	Passes	25-40-0
6-30.7	Punts-Av	3-46.3
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
8-60	Penalties-Yards	5-30
24:35	Possession Time	35:25

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Young 13-34, Tate, 3-24
Florida: Moore 13-88, Wynn 8-34

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Solomon 7-96, Chandler 7-89
Florida: Baker 10-147, Jackson 7-76

PASSING:
IOWA: Tate 32-55-1-346
Florida: Leak 25-40-0-278

TACKLES:
IOWA: Hodge 19, Allen 10, Paschal 10
Florida: Webb 10, Brown 7, Herring 7

2006 ALAMO BOWL

Texas 26, Iowa 24

Dec. 30, 2006, The Alamodome, San Antonio, Texas

Texas	3		7		10		6	26
Iowa	14		0		7		3	24

GAME RECAP

Texas outscored Iowa 23-10 in the final three quarters en route to a 26-24 Alamo Bowl victory over the Hawkeyes in front of a bowl-record 65,875 fans in the Alamodome. The game also marked the most watched bowl game ever on ESPN.

Iowa sprinted out of the gates, scoring touchdowns on its first two possessions. RB Albert Young scored on a one-yard run and WR Andy Brodell caught a 63-yard touchdown pass from QB Drew Tate.

The Longhorns scored the next 10 points on a 43-yard field goal and a 72-yard touchdown pass to grab a 20-14 advantage midway through the third period. Iowa quickly answered with a four-play, 68-yard drive that culminated with a 23-yard touchdown reception by Brodell.

Texas responded with a touchdown on its following possession to go ahead 26-21. Iowa added a PK Kyle Schlicher 38-yard field goal late with 6:20 remaining to cut the deficit to 26-24.

Tate completed 15-25 passes for 274 yards and two touchdowns. Brodell tied an Iowa bowl record with two touchdown receptions and matched a career high with 159 receiving yards on six receptions.

Texas QB Colt McCoy was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player. Four Hawkeyes recorded seven tackles or more. DB Miguel Merrick had a team-high eight tackles. DB Charles Godfrey and LB Ed Miles each were credited with seven stops. LB Zach Gabelmann, who started in place of the injured LB Mike Klinkenborg, also collected a career-high seven tackles.

SCORING

IA - - Young, 1-yard run (Schlicher kick)
IA - - Brodell, 63-yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick)
UT - - Bailey, 27-yard field goal
UT - - Sweed, 20-yard pass from McCoy (Bailey kick)
UT - - Bailey, 43-yard field goal
UT - - Charles, 72-yard pass from McCoy (Bailey kick)
IA - - Brodell, 23-yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick)
UT - - Young, 2-yard run (McCoy pass failed)
IA - - Schlicher, 38-yard field goal

Attendance: 65,875

TEXAS	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
17	First Downs	17
21-70	Rushes-Yards	34-89
308	Passing Yards	274
378	Total Offense	363
26-40-0	Passes	15-25-1
6-37.8	Punts-Avg	5-42.4
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
6-60	Penalties-Yards	8-53
29:04	Possession Time	30:56

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Young 13-64, Sims 12-26
Texas: Charles 4-26, Shipley 1-14

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Brodell 6-159, Douglas 3-40
Texas: Sweed 3-70, Cosby 7-59

PASSING:
IOWA: Tate 15-25-1-274
Texas: McCoy 26-40-0-308

TACKLES:
IOWA: Merrick 8, Three with 7
Texas: Miller 11, Griffin 10

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2009 OUTBACK BOWL

Iowa 31, South Carolina 10

Jan. 1, 2009, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

South Carolina	0		0		0		10	10
Iowa	14		7		10		0	31

GAME RECAP

Iowa forced five South Carolina turnovers and scored the game's first 31 points en route to a convincing 31-10 victory at the 2009 Outback Bowl in Raymond James Stadium at Tampa, FL. Iowa finished the season winning six of its last seven games and pushed its all-time bowl record to 12-10-1.

RB Shonn Greene was named the bowl's Most Valuable Player after rushing for 121 yards and three touchdowns on 29 carries. The 29 attempts, three rushing scores and 18 points are new Iowa bowl records. Greene finished his junior campaign with a school single-season record 20 rushing touchdowns and 1,850 rushing yards. Additionally, he rushed for over 100 yards in all 13 games, also an Iowa single-season record.

QB Ricky Stanzi completed 13-19 passes for 147 yards and a touchdown. He completed a six-yard touchdown to WR Trey Stross on Iowa's opening drive. Iowa's tight ends combined for seven receptions and 92 yards – Brandon Myers had four catches for 49 yards, while Tony Moeaki had three for 43 yards.

Iowa led 21-0 at halftime on two Greene one-yard runs and Stross' six-yard touchdown reception. The Gamecocks scored the final 10 points on a 10-yard pass and a 48-yard field goal.

Defensively, Iowa collected three interceptions, which tied an Iowa bowl record, and recovered two fumbles. Four of the five South Carolina miscues came in the first 30 minutes. SS Tyler Sash tied an Outback Bowl and Iowa bowl record with two thefts. He returned the two interceptions 74 total yards, which is an Iowa bowl record. DB Bradley Fletcher recorded the other interception in the end zone and also forced a fumble. LB A.J. Edds recovered both South Carolina fumbles.

SCORING

IA - - Stross, 6-yard pass from Stanzi (Murray kick)
IA - - Greene, 1-yard run (Murray kick)
IA - - Greene, 1-yard run (Murray kick)
IA - - Murray, 18-yard field goal
IA - - Greene, 11-yard run (Murray kick)
SC - - Cook, 10-yard pass from Smelley (Succop kick)
SC - - Succop, 48-yard field goal

Attendance: 55,117

SC	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
17	First Downs	22
14-43	Rushes-Yards	47-181
270	Passing Yards	147
64-313	Total Offense	66-328
26-50-3	Passes	13-19-2
2-42.5	Punts-Avg	2-44.0
2-2	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
10-100	Penalties-Yards	6-50
24:06	Possession Time	35:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Greene 29-121, Hampton 12-54
SC: Garcia 5-25, Maddox 3-17

PASSING:
IOWA: Stanzi 13-19-1-147
SC: Garcia 9-18-0-79, Smelley 16-31-1-179

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Myers 4-49, Moeaki 3-43
SC: McKinley 6-86, Barnes 5-40

TACKLES:
IOWA: Angerer 6, five with four
SC: Brinkley 11, Norwood 9

2010 ORANGE BOWL

Iowa 24, Georgia Tech 14

Jan. 5, 2010, FedEx Orange Bowl, Land Shark Stadium, Miami, Florida

Iowa	14		0		3		7	24
GA Tech	7		0		7		0	14

GAME RECAP

Iowa turned in another dominating defensive performance in defeating ninth-ranked Georgia Tech, 24-14, in the 2010 FedEx Orange Bowl. The Hawkeyes won their second straight January bowl game and evened their record at 1-1 in BCS games.

The Iowa defense limited Georgia Tech to 155 yards total offense, including just 12 passing yards. The Yellow Jackets entered the game ranked second in the nation in rushing offense. Georgia Tech was held to just 32 net yards on 20 offensive plays in the first half and rushed for just 143 net yards in the contest.

Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi, after missing the final two games of the regular season due to injury, completed his first eight pass attempts in leading the Hawkeyes to a 14-0 advantage in the first period. Stanzi connected with TE Tony Moeaki for a 54-yard gain to set up the first score of the game, a four-yard completion to WR Marvin McNutt.

Iowa added a second touchdown on its next possession, as Stanzi connected with WR Colin Sandeman on a 21-yard scoring play. Stanzi completed 17-29 passes for 231 yards and the two scores.

Georgia Tech used a pass interception return for its only points of the first half, leaving Iowa with a 14-7 advantage at the break. The Hawkeyes increased the advantage to 17-7 late in the third period on a 33-yard field goal by Daniel Murray.

After Tech narrowed the margin to 17-14 early in the final period, Iowa again turned to its defense. Senior LB A.J. Edds had a pass interception and the Iowa defense forced another Tech punt with 4:54 remaining. Freshman RB Brandon Wegher sealed the win with a 32-yard scoring run with 1:56 left to play.

Wegher ended the game with 113 rushing yards on 16 carries. Moeaki had 85 yards on four receptions, Sandeman had four receptions for a career-best 53 yards and Derrell Johnson-Koulianos had four receptions for 63 yards before leaving the game in the second quarter due to injury.

DE Adrian Clayborn had nine solo tackles and was named the Most Valuable Player. Senior LB Pat Angerer added 10 tackles and Clayborn had two of Iowa's three QB sacks.

SCORING

IA - - Marvin McNutt, 4-yard pass from Ricky Stanzi (Daniel Murray kick)
IA - - Colin Sandeman, 21-yard pass from Stanzi (Murray kick)
GT - - Jerrard Tarrant, 40-yard interception return (Scott Blair kick)
IA - - Murray, 33-yard field goal
GT - - Anthony Allen, 1-yard run (Blair kick)
IA - - Brandon Wegher, 32-yard run (Murray kick)

Attendance: 66,131

IOWA	TEAM STATISTICS	GA TECH
21	First Downs	9
40-172	Rushes-Yards	41-143
231	Passing Yards	12
17-29-1	Passes	2-9-1
69-403	Total Offense	50-155
4-36.0	Punts-Avg.	7-49.1
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
4-25	Penalties-Yards	9-68
32:23	Possession Time	27:37

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Wegher 16-113-1 TD; Robinson 14-59
GA TECH: Dwyer 14-49; Nesbitt 20-46

PASSING:
IOWA: Stanzi 17-29-1-2TDs
GA TECH: Nesbitt 2-9-1

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Moeaki 4-85; Johnson-Koulianos 4-63; Sandeman 4-53-1
GA TECH: Dwyer 2-12

TACKLES:
IOWA: Angerer 10; Clayborn 9
GA TECH: Burnett 8; Tarrant 6

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2010 INSIGHT BOWL

Iowa 27, Missouri 24

Dec. 28, 2010, Insight Bowl, Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Arizona

Missouri	3	7	14	0	24
Iowa	7	10	3	7	27

GAME RECAP

Iowa used record setting performances on both offense and defense to earn a 27-24 win over 12th-ranked Missouri in the 2010 Insight Bowl. The win was the third straight bowl victory for the Hawkeyes and the fourth of the season (in eight games) against a nationally-ranked opponent.

Freshman RB Marcus Coker was the key player for the Iowa offense, rushing 33 times for 219 yards and two touchdowns. Both the rushing attempts and yards established Iowa bowl records.

Sophomore DB Micah Hyde scored the winning points with 5:32 remaining in the game on a 72-yard interception return for a touchdown. That set an Iowa bowl record and ranks as the eighth longest return in school history.

Coker gave the Hawkeyes an early 7-0 advantage with a one-yard scoring run to complete the opening drive. Missouri responded with a field goal on its first drive, but Coker added a 62-yard scoring run early in the second period to give Iowa a 14-3 advantage.

The Hawkeyes added a 34-yard Mike Meyer field goal later in the period before Missouri scored on a 10-yard run to cut Iowa's halftime advantage to 17-10.

Iowa's only offensive points of the second half came midway through the third period when Meyer added a 21-yard field goal for a 20-10 advantage, capping a 93-yard scoring drive. The Tigers cut the lead to 20-17 later in the third quarter and took their first advantage at 24-20 with under a minute left in the period.

Hyde's interception return, the fourth for the Hawkeyes in 13 games, was the only scoring in the final quarter. Stanzi complemented Coker's rushing effort by completing 11-21 passes for 200 yards.

The Iowa defense was led by Greenwood, who collected 11 tackles to go with a second quarter interception. DB Shaun Prater added nine tackles and LB James Morris had seven.

SCORING

IA - - Marcus Coker, one-yard run (Mike Meyer kick)
Mizzou - - Grant Ressel, 23-yard field goal
IA - - Marcus Coker, 62-yard run (Mike Meyer kick)
IA - - Mike Meyer, 34-yard field goal
Mizzou - - Henry Josey, 10-yard run (Grant Ressel kick)
IA - - Mike Meyer, 21-yard field goal
Mizzou - - Blaine Gabbert, seven-yard run (Grant Ressel kick)
Mizzou - - Michael Egnew, three-yard pass from Blaine Gabbert (Grant Ressel kick)
IA - - Micah Hyde, 72-yard interception return (Mike Meyer kick)

Attendance: 53,453

MIZZOU	TEAM STATISTICS	IOWA
24	Score	27
32	First Downs	19
29-78	Rushes-Yards	37-225
434	Passing Yards	200
41-57-2	Passes	11-21-2
86-512	Total Offense	58-425
4-42.0	Punts-Avg.	3-44.7
3-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
5-48	Penalties-Yards	3-19
29:49	Possession Time	30:11

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Coker 33-219; Stanzi 2-9
MIZZOU: Lawrence 6-40; Moore 6-32

PASSING:
IOWA: Stanzi 11-21-2-200
MIZZOU: Gabbert 41-57-2-434

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Sandeman 4-44; Reisner 3-50
MIZZOU: Moe 15-152; Jackson 9-129

TACKLES:
IOWA: Greenwood 11; Prater 9; Morris 7
MIZZOU: Ebner 9; Jackson 7; Rutland 7

2011 INSIGHT BOWL

Oklahoma 31, Iowa 14

Dec. 30, 2011, Insight Bowl, Sun Devil Stadium, Tempe, Arizona

Iowa	0	0	0	14	14
Oklahoma	7	7	7	10	31

GAME RECAP

Iowa rallied in the second half, closing to within a touchdown with 6:56 remaining, but 14th-ranked Oklahoma controlled the ball over the final eight minutes in recording a 31-14 win at the 2011 Insight Bowl.

Oklahoma built a 21-0 advantage before Iowa got its offense going in the second half. Iowa used a 16-play drive that consumed 7:50, scoring on a 5-yard pass from QB James Vandenberg to TE C.J. Fiedorowicz on the second play of the final quarter.

After holding Oklahoma to three plays on consecutive possessions, the Iowa offense drove 78 yards in 12 plays, cutting the deficit to 21-14 on a 9-yard pass from Vandenberg to RB Jordan Canzeri. Oklahoma was able add a field goal with 2:33 remaining for a 24-14 advantage. After Iowa failed on a fourth down attempt, the Sooners added a final touchdown in the closing minute.

Oklahoma took a 7-0 lead in the first period, covering five yards in two plays following a pass interception. Oklahoma's only extended offensive drive of the second quarter covered 66 yards in 13 plays as the Sooners led 14-0 at halftime. Iowa's defense held the Sooners to just 89 yards total offense in the first half. Oklahoma, which entered the game ranked fourth in the nation in total offense, was held to 275 yards total offense, its lowest output of the season.

Vandenberg completed 23-44 passes for 216 yards and two scores, with one interception. Canzeri led Iowa's ground attack with 58 yards on 22 carries and he added six pass receptions for 28 yards and a touchdown. WR Marvin McNutt, Jr. recorded four receptions for 46 yards.

The Iowa defense was led by senior LB Tyler Nielsen with eight tackles, while LB Christian Kirksey added seven. Senior DT Mike Daniels recorded three tackles for loss and two QB sacks among his five tackles.

SCORING

OU - - Blake Bell, 4-yard run (Mike Hunnicutt kick)
OU - - Blake Bell, 4-yard run (Mike Hunnicutt kick)
OU - - Trent Ratterree, 3-yard pass from Landry Jones (Mike Hunnicutt kick)
IA - - C.J. Fiedorowicz, 5-yard pass from James Vandenberg (Mike Meyer kick)
IA - - Jordan Canzeri, 9-yard pass from James Vandenberg (Mike Meyer kick)
OU - - Mike Hunnicutt, 35-yard field goal
OU - - Blake Bell, 21-yard run (Mike Hunnicutt kick)

Attendance: 54,247

IOWA	TEAM STATS	OU
14	Score	31
21	First Downs	16
37-76	Rushes-Yards	37-114
216	Passing Yards	161
23-45-2	Passes	16-25-1
82-292	Total Offense	62-275
6-44.3	Punts-Avg.	6-50.3
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
6-36	Penalties-Yards	6-45
33:14	Possession Time	26:46

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Canzeri 22-58; White 4-20
OU: Bell 10-51-3 TDs; Clay 9-44

PASSING:
IOWA: Vandenberg 23-44-1-216-2 TDs
OU: Jones 16-25-1-161-1 TD

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Canzeri 6-28-1 TD; Davis 5-76; McNutt, Jr. 4-46
OU: Jackson 3-45; Stills 3-31

TACKLES:
IOWA: Nielsen 8; Kirksey 7
OU: Jefferson 7; Fleming 7

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2014 OUTBACK BOWL

LSU 21, Iowa 14

Jan. 1, 2014, Outback Bowl, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

Iowa	0	0	7	7	14
LSU	7	7	0	7	21

GAME RECAP

No. 14 LSU scored 14-first-half points and ultimately held on to defeat Iowa, 21-14, at the 2014 Outback Bowl in Tampa.

The Tigers drove 77 yards on the first possession of the game to grab a 7-0 advantage.

In the second quarter, LSU capitalized on a Kevonte Martin-Manley fumbled punt at the 39-yard line, scoring seven plays later on a 14-yard rush to take a 14-0 halftime lead.

John Lowdermilk provided a spark in the third quarter, intercepting QB Anthony Jennings and returning his first career theft 71 yards to the 1-yard line. The 71-yard interception return is the 12th-longest in school history. Three plays later RB Mark Weisman scored on a 2-yard rush to cut the deficit to 14-7.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Iowa marched inside the LSU red zone, but a fourth down interception at the LSU 8-yard line thwarted a game-tying scoring drive.

LSU scored its third touchdown on a Jeremy Hill 37-yard rush, his second score of the game, with 1:50 left to play.

Iowa's Jordon Cotton returned the ensuing kickoff a career-long 96 yards to the LSU 4-yard line. The 96-yard kickoff return is the eighth-longest return in school history and longest non-touchdown kickoff return in Iowa annals. Two plays later, QB C.J. Beathard connected with Martin-Manley in the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown for the final score.

QB Jake Rudock completed 9-of-22 passes for 102 yards before leaving in the third period due to injury. Beathard completed 4-of-7 passes for 55 yards and a score.

Weisman rushed 18 times for 37 yards, while TE C.J. Fiedorowicz caught a game-high four passes for 46 yards.

Cotton's 42.7 kickoff return average on three attempts broke the Outback Bowl record for kickoff return average.

LB James Morris recorded eight tackles and reached 400 career tackles in his career -- becoming only the sixth Hawkeye to accomplish that feat.

SCORING

LSU -- Anthony Jennings, 2-yard run (Delahoussaye kick)
LSU -- Jeremy Hill, 14-yard run (Delahoussaye kick)
IA -- Mark Weisman, 2-yard run (Meyer kick)
LSU -- Jeremy Hill, 37-yard run (Delahoussaye kick)
IA -- Kevonte Martin-Manley, 4-yard pass from C.J. Beathard (Meyer kick)

Attendance: 51,296

IOWA	TEAM STATS	LSU
11	First Downs	15
37-76	Rushes-Yards	51-220
157	Passing Yards	302
13-30-2	Com-Att-Int	7-20-1
67-233	Total Offense	71-302
7-40.3	Punts-Avg.	10-46.9
2-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
2-10	Penalties-Yards	6-53
25:06	Possession Time	34:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING
IOWA: Weisman 18-37; Canzeri 7-34
LSU: Hill 28-216

PASSING
IOWA: Rudock 9-22-102, 1 INT;
Beathard 4-7-55, 1 TD
LSU: Jennings 7-19-82, 1 INT

RECEIVING
IOWA: Fiedorowicz 4-46; Duzey 3-58
LSU: Odell 2-35; Jarvis 2-21

TACKLES
IOWA: Kirksey 10; Morris 8
LSU: Loston 6; Welter 6; Mills 6

2015 TAXSLAYER BOWL

Tennessee 45, Iowa 28

Jan. 2, 2015, EverBank Field, Jacksonville, Florida

Iowa	0	7	0	21	28
Tennessee	21	14	7	3	45

GAME RECAP

Tennessee scored the game's first 28 points en route to a 45-28 win over Iowa at the TaxSlayer Bowl in Jacksonville, Florida.

RB Mark Weisman rushed for two scores, while QB C.J. Beathard threw for two touchdowns to account for Iowa's scoring. Weisman scored on runs of three and one yard in the second and fourth quarters, respectively. The Hawkeye senior finished his career with 32 rushing touchdowns, one shy of the school record held by Sedrick Shaw and Tavian Banks.

Beathard connected with TE Ray Hamilton (31 yards) and WR Matt VandeBerg (18 yards) in the fourth period. Beathard finished the game completing 13-of-23 passes for 145 yards. The two passing touchdowns were a single-game career best.

WR Kevonte Martin-Manley caught three passes for 23 yards. His third reception broke the school record for career catches by a Hawkeye with 174. He finished his career with 1,799 career receiving yards, No. 13 all-time. The bowl game was the 51st career game for the Hawkeye senior; Martin-Manley joins five other players to play in 51 career games during the Kirk Ferentz era.

Jordan Canzeri led the Hawkeye ground attack, rushing 12 times for 120 yards -- his second career 100-yard game. His game totals pushed him over the 1,000 yards rushing, becoming the 45th Iowa player to accomplish the feat.

LB Josey Jewell led all players with a career-best 14 tackles and was named Iowa's TaxSlayer Bowl MVP. Jewell, a redshirt freshman, made his fourth career start. LB Quinton Alson (11) and CB Desmond King (10) also reached double-digits in tackles. CB Maurice Fleming (five) and LB Ben Niemann (four) recorded career bests in tackles.

CB Desmond King recorded his second career interception in the third quarter (37-yard return). Iowa's defense has had at least one interception in six straight bowl games.

SCORING

UT -- Hurd, 3-yard run (Medley kick)
UT -- Hurd, 29-yard run (Medley kick)
UT -- Wharton, 49-yard pass from Marlin Lane (Medley kick)
UT -- Dobbs, 8-yard run (Medley kick)
IA -- Mark Weisman, 3-yard run (Koehn kick)
UT -- Person, 19-yard pass from Joshua Dobbs (Medley kick)
UT -- Dobbs, 11-yard run (Medley kick)
IA -- Mark Weisman, 1-yard run (Koehn kick)
UT -- Medley, 28-yard field goal
IA -- Ray Hamilton, 31-yard pass from C.J. Beathard (Koehn kick)
IA -- Matt VandeBerg, 18-yard pass from C.J. Beathard (Koehn kick)

Attendance: 56,310

IOWA	TEAM STATS	UT
23	First Downs	27
35-244	Rushes-Yards	51-283
177	Passing Yards	178
15-31-1	Com-Att-Int	17-22-1
66-421	Total Offense	73-461
6-35.8	Punts-Avg.	4-37.2
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
4-37	Penalties-Yards	4-55
27:52	Possession Time	32:08

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Canzeri 12-120; Beathard 8-82
UT: Hurd 16-122; Dobbs 13-76

PASSING:
IOWA: Beathard 13-23-145, 2 TD, 1 INT;
Rudock 2-8-32
UT: Dobbs 16-21-129, 1 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Hamilton 3-51;
Martin-Manley 3-23
UT: Pearson 7-75

TACKLES:
IOWA: Jewell 14; King 10
UT: Reeves-Maybin 13

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2016 ROSE BOWL

#6 Stanford 45, #5 Iowa 16

Jan. 1, 2016, Rose Bowl Stadium, Pasadena, California

Stanford	21	14	3	7	--	45
Iowa	0	0	3	13	--	16

GAME RECAP

Stanford raced out to a 38-0 advantage and ultimately defeated Iowa, 45-16, in the 2016 Rose Bowl. The 45 points were the most the nationally-ranked Hawkeyes allowed in 14 games.

The Cardinal scored their first four touchdowns four different ways -- pass, run, interception return, and punt return. Heisman runner-up Christian McCaffrey totaled 368 all-purpose yards, including a 75-yard scoring reception on the first play from scrimmage and a 63-yard punt return in the second peri-od.

Stanford QB Kevin Hogan completed 12-of-21 passes for 223 yards and accounted for four touch-downs (three passing and one rushing).

Iowa was held to 287 yards of total offense, including a season-low 48 yards rushing.

Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard completed 21-of-33 passes for 239 yards passing and two touch-downs. Beathard threw a pair of fourth-quarter scores, first a 36-yard to WR Matt VandeBerg and then a 31-yard pass to RB Akrum Wadley. VandeBerg finished the contest with a team-high four receptions for 64 yards.

Running backs LeShun Daniels and Akrum Wadley rushed for 37 and 33 yards, respectively.

Junior DB Desmond King had 182 all-purpose yards, returning seven kickoffs for 144 yards and 38 yards on one punt. He also collected five tackles on defense.

SS Miles Taylor and LB Josey Jewell led the team in tackles, each being credited with seven stops. Jewell also collected an interception, his fourth of the season and second in as many games.

Senior center Austin Blythe made his 45th consecutive start and appeared in his 50th career game. He became the 12th player to play 50 or more games under Kirk Ferentz.

SCORING SUMMARY

STAN -- Christian McCaffrey, 75-pass from Kevin Hogan (Ukropina kick)
STAN -- Kevin Hogan, 8-yard run (Ukropina kick)
STAN -- Quenton Meeks, 66-yard interveption return (Ukropina kick)
STAN -- Christian McCaffrey, 63-yard punt return (Ukropina kick)
STAN -- Michael Rector, 31-pass from Kevin Hogan (Ukropina kick)
STAN -- Conrad Ukropina, 31-yard field goal
IA -- Marshall Koehn, 39-yard field goal
IA -- Matt VandeBerg, 36-yard pass from C.J. Beathard (PAT attempt failed)
IA -- Akrum Wadley, 31-yard pass from C.J. Beathard (Koehn kick)
STAN -- Michael Rector, 42-yard pass from Kevin Hogan (Ukropina kick)

Attendance: 94,268

STAN	TEAM STATS	IOWA
19	First Downs	18
34-206	Rushes-Yards	38-48
223	Passing Yards	239
12-21-1	Com-Att-Int	21-33-1
55-429	Total Offense	71-287
3-36.3	Punts-Avg.	6-38.3
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
10-70	Penalties-Yards	7-50
27:09	Possession Time	32:51

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
STAN: McCaffrey 18-172; Wright 5-30
IOWA: Daniels 10-37; Wadley 9-33

PASSING:
STAN: Hogan 12-21-223, 3 TD, 1 INT
IOWA: Beathard 21-33-239, 2 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
STAN: McCaffrey 4-105; Hooper 3-23
IOWA: VandeBerg 4-64; Mitchell 4-41

TACKLES:
STAN: Shittu 10; Martinez 9
IOWA: Taylor 7; Jewell 7; King 5

2017 OUTBACK BOWL

#17 Florida 30, Iowa 3

Jan. 2, 2017, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

Florida	3	7	7	13		30
Iowa	3	0	0	0		3

GAME RECAP

No. 17 Florida scored the game's final 30 points in a 30-3 victory over Iowa at Raymond James Stadium in the 2017 Outback Bowl. It marked the third time in 11 years that Iowa faced Florida in the Outback Bowl.

The Hawkeye defense intercepted the Gators on their first two drives, converting the second interception into three points as a result of a Keith Duncan 36-yard field goal.

Florida evened the score at 3-3 later in the first quarter on an Eddy Pineiro 44-yard field goal.

The Gators scored a touchdown late in the second period to take a 10-3 advantage into halftime. Mark Thompson caught his only pass of the game from QB Austin Appleby and took the reception 85 yards for a touchdown.

Florida added two touchdowns and a pair of field goals in the second half.

Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard completed 7-of-23 passes for 55 yards and three interceptions. RB Akrum Wadley totaled 136 all-purpose yards, rushing for a game-high 115 yards on 22 attempts and catching a team-best four balls for 21 yards. It marked the fourth game this season that the Hawkeye tailback led the squad in receiving.

Defensively, Josey Jewell had a game-high 10 tackles, including one sack. The Hawkeye linebacker finished the season with 100-plus tackles for the second straight year (124).

DB Desmond King appeared in his 53rd career game and made his 51st career start, both program records. King recorded an interception on Florida's second possession. It was King's 14th career interception, tying Damien Robinson for fourth all-time.

Iowa's second defensive theft came from FS Brandon Snyder. Both Snyder and King finished the 2016 season with three interceptions apiece.

Appleby finished the contest completing 14-of-35 passes for 222 yards, two touchdowns, and two interceptions. RB Jordan Scarlett rushed for a team-best 94 yards on 14 carries.

SCORING SUMMARY

IA -- Keith Duncan, 36-yard field goal
FLA -- Eddy Pineiro, 44-yard field goal
FLA -- Mark Thompson, 85-yard pass from Austin Appleby (Pineiro kick)
FLA -- DeAndre Goolsby, 6-yard pass from Austin Appleby (Pineiro kick)
FLA -- Chauncey Gradner, 58-yard interception return (Pineiro kick)
FLA -- Eddy Pineiro, 25-yard field goal
FLA -- Eddy Pineiro, 48-yard field goal

Attendance: 51,119

FLA	TEAM STATS	IOWA
11	First Downs	14
32-109	Rushes-Yards	41-171
222	Passing Yards	55
14-24-2	Com-Att-Int	7-24-3
57-331	Total Offense	65-226
4-45.5	Punts-Avg.	7-39.3
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
8-60	Penalties-Yards	1-10
28:45	Possession Time	31:15

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
FLA: Scarlett 14-94; Perine 7-19
IOWA: Wadley 22-115; Daniels 15-45

PASSING:
FLA: Appleby 14-25-222, 2 TD, 2 INT
IOWA: Beathard 7-23-55, 0 TD, 3 INT

RECEIVING:
FLA: Callaway 7-55; Goolsby 2-27
IOWA: Wadley 4-21; Kittle 1-18; McCarron 1-11

TACKLES:
FLA: Harris 9; McMillian 7; Joseph 6
IOWA: Jewell 10; King 5; Snyder 5

2017 PINSTRIPE • 2019 OUTBACK

2017 NEW ERA PINSTRIPE BOWL

Iowa 27, Boston College 20

Dec. 27, 2017, Yankee Stadium, Bronx, New York

Iowa	3	7	7	10	27
Boston College	7	10	0	3	20

GAME RECAP

Iowa forced three turnovers and RB Akrum Wadley amassed a career-high 283 all-purpose yards in a 27-20 Iowa victory in the New Era Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium. The win snapped Iowa's five-game bowl losing streak.

Wadley, who was named Pinstripe Bowl MVP, totaled an Iowa bowl record 171 yards on five kickoff returns. He also totaled 88 rushing yards and 24 yards receiving.

The game was played in frigid temperatures, 23 degrees at kickoff with wind chills in the lower teens, and is the coldest Pinstripe Bowl on record. The Hawkeyes totaled 200 yards of offense, its lowest total in a bowl game win in program history.

Jake Gervase intercepted his third pass of the season on the third play from scrimmage, which resulted in a Miguel Recinos 24-yard field goal for the game's first score.

Boston College RB A.J. Dillon, who rushed a game-high 32 times for 157 yards, scored his only touchdown on a 4-yard run with five seconds left in the first period.

Iowa answered on its next possession with a TE Noah Fant 8-yard scoring reception from QB Nate Stanley. The TD pass was the 26th for Stanley, tying Brad Banks (2002) for second most in a single season in program annals. The score was set up by Wadley's 72-yard kickoff return, a career best.

The Eagles closed the half scoring 10 straight points -- a 39-yard pass play and a 30-yard field goal -- to take a 17-10 advantage into halftime.

Wadley scored his 35th career touchdown, which tied Sedrick Shaw for second most in program history, on a 5-yard rush midway through the third quarter to even the score.

Both teams traded field goals in the fourth quarter before the Iowa defense collected two turnovers in the final five minutes. With the game tied (20-20), DE Anthony Nelson sacked QB Darius Wade and forced a fumble that DE Parker Hesse recovered in Boston College territory. Three plays later, FB Drake Kulick scored his first career rushing touchdown on a 1-yard plunge into the end zone for the eventual game-winning score.

All-American CB Josh Jackson helped seal the win by collecting his eighth interception of the season, tying a school single-season record, on Boston College's next possession. DB Amani Hooker led Iowa's defense with 12 tackles, including two touchdown-saving stops. He was named to the Associated Press All-Bowl teams for his efforts.

WR Matt VandeBerg played in his 54th career game, more than any other player in school history. VandeBerg ended his career having at least one reception in 32 consecutive games played.

SCORING

IA -- Miguel Recinos, 24-yard field goal
BC -- A.J. Dillon, 4-yard run (Lichtenberg kick)
IA -- Noah Fant, 8-yard pass from Nate Stanley (Recinos kick)
BC -- Tommy Sweeney, 39-yard pass from Darius Wade (Lichtenberg kick)
BC -- Colton Lichtenberg kick, 30-yard field goal
IA -- Akrum Wadley, 5-yard run (Recinos kick)
IA -- Miguel Recinos, 38-yard field goal
BC -- Colton Lichtenber, 24-yard field goal
IA -- Drake Kulick, 1-yard run (Recinos kick)

Attendance: 37,667

IOWA	TEAM STATS	BC
13	First Downs	16
39-101	Rushes-Yards	43-175
99	Passing Yards	208
8-15-0	Com-Att-Int	16-27-2
54-200	Total Offense	70-383
7-32.6	Punts-Avg.	6-35.5
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
3-20	Penalties-Yards	6-57
27:25	Possession Time	32:35

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Wadley 22-88; Butler 10-32
BC: Dillon 32-157; Hilliman 4-16

PASSING:
IOWA: Stanley 8-15-99, 1 TD, 0 INT
BC: Wade 16-27-208, 1 TD, 2 INT

RECEIVING:
IOWA: Wadley 2-24; Fant 2-8; Easley 1-32
BC: Sweeney 7-137; Callinan 3-20

TACKLES:
IOWA: Hooker 12; Jewell 11; Bazata 9
BC: Harris 9; Jones 9; Smith 8; Allen 7

2019 OUTBACK BOWL

Iowa 27, #18 Mississippi State 22

Jan. 1, 2019, Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, Florida

Mississippi State	6	0	13	3	22
Iowa	0	17	7	3	27

GAME RECAP

Iowa posted an impressive 27-22 win over No. 18 Mississippi State at the 2019 Outback Bowl, its second straight bowl victory. The win was Iowa's first over a nationally-ranked opponent this season and first over a ranked bowl opponent since 2010.

Iowa was able to rally from a 6-0 deficit in the first quarter to upend the Bulldogs, due in large part to scoring 17 points off three turnovers and not committing a penalty.

WR Nick Easley was voted the game's MVP, catching eight passes for a career-high 104 yards and two touchdowns – the first multi-touchdown game of his career.

The Bulldogs got on the board first, kicking a pair of first-quarter field goals. Iowa answered with 17 unanswered points in the second quarter. Miguel Recinos kicked the first (44) of his two field goals, followed by touchdown passes from QB Nate Stanley to Easley (75 yards) and WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette (15 yards). The 75-yard play is an Iowa bowl record for longest completion and longest touchdown reception.

The Bulldogs recaptured the lead early in the third quarter, capitalizing on two Hawkeye turnovers. Mississippi State scored two touchdowns in 18 seconds.

Easley's second TD catch (8 yards) later in the third quarter gave the Hawkeyes a 24-19 advantage, a lead they did not relinquish. Mississippi State and Iowa traded field goals in the fourth quarter.

Iowa's defense stood tall on the Bulldogs' final possession, forcing Mississippi State to turn the ball over on downs at Iowa's 32-yard line.

Stanley completed his first eight pass attempts, finishing the contest with 214 yards passing and three TD's on 21-of-31 attempts.

TE T.J. Hockenson caught three passes for 43 yards. Smith-Marsette matched his career best with four receptions and set an Outback Bowl record with 150 kickoff return yards.

DT Chauncey Golston and FS Jake Gervase collected Iowa's two interceptions, raising its season total to 20, second most in the country. Golston also recovered a fumble in the second quarter, which set the table for Iowa's second score.

DB Matt Hankins led all tacklers with nine, while CB Michael Ojemudia matched his career high with eight stops. DE A.J. Epenesa had a forced fumble on a sack, raising his season total a team-best 10.5, the highest single-season total by a Hawkeye since Adrian Clayborn (11.5 sacks in 2009).

SCORING

MSU -- Jace Christmann, 44-yard field goal
MSU -- Jace Christmann, 42-yard field goal
IA -- Miguel Recinos, 44-yard field goal
IA -- Nick Easley, 75-yard pass from Nate Stanley (Recinos kick)
IA -- Ihmir Smith-Marsette, 15-yard pass from Nate Stanley (Recinos kick
MSU -- Kylin Hill, 1-yard pass from Nick Fitzgerald (2-point conversion failed)
MSU -- Nick Fitzgerald, 33-yard run (Christmann kick)
IA -- Nick Easley, 8-yard pass from Nate Stanley (Recinos kick)
MSU -- Jace Christmann, 20-yard field goal
IA -- Miguel Recinos, 40-yard field goal

Attendance: 40,518

MSU	TEAM STATS	IOWA
15	First Downs	11
42-190	Rushes-Yards	20-(-15)
152	Passing Yards	214
14-32-2	Com-Att-Int	21-31-1
74-342	Total Offense	51-199
5-50.4	Punts-Avg.	7-34.4
1-1	Fumbles-Lost	1-1
8-90	Penalties-Yards	0-0
33:34	Possession Time	26:26

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
MSU: Fitzgerald 20-103; Hill 12-43
IOWA: Young 3-7; Kelly-Martin 5-4

PASSING:
MSU: Fitzgerald 14-32-152, 1 TD, 2 INT
IOWA: Stanley 21-31-214, 3 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
MSU: Williams 3-19; Hill 3-12; Mitchell 2-42
IOWA: Easley 8-104; Smith-Marsette 4-29

TACKLES:
MSU: Abram 6; Dantzier 5
IOWA: Hankins 9; Ojemudia 8

2019 HOLIDAY • 2022 CITRUS

2019 HOLIDAY BOWL

#16 Iowa 49, #22 USC 24

Dec. 27, 2019, SDCCS Stadium, San Diego, California

#22 USC	7		10		7		0	24
#16 Iowa	7		21		7		14	49

GAME NOTES

WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette (offense) and DE A.J. Epenesa (defense) were named Most Valuable Players of the 2019 Holiday Bowl.

Iowa's 49 points scored are the second most scored in a bowl game in school history (55 vs. Texas in 1984 Freedom Bowl).

Iowa won its third straight bowl game, tying its longest such streak in program history (2009 Outback, 2010 Orange, 2010 Insight).

Kirk Ferentz is 9-8 all-time in bowl games. The bowl win was the ninth for Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz, tying him for second place in Big Ten Conference history (Barry Alvarez). Joe Paterno of Penn State has 10.

WR Smith-Marsette's 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the second quarter tied a Holiday Bowl record and is the seventh-longest kickoff return in school history. He is the first player in program history to return two kickoffs for touchdowns in a single season (Nebraska, 95 yards).

WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette is the second Hawkeye in program history to score a touchdown via rush, reception, and kickoff return, in a single game.

DE A.J. Epenesa tied an Iowa bowl record and matched his career high with 2.5 sacks.

QB Nate Stanley finished his career with 8,302 passing yards, second all-time in program history (Chuck Long 10,461). Stanley started his third bowl game (3-0) and became the second quarterback in school history to win three bowl games (Ricky Stanzi, 3-0).

K Keith Duncan scored seven points today, raising his season total to 119, third all-time in single-season program history. Duncan made 29 field goals this season, a single-season school record, a Big Ten record, and tied for the sixth most in NCAA single-season history.

RB Tyler Goodson finished the season as Iowa's leading rusher (638 yards). He is the first true freshman to ever lead the team in single-season rushing yards.

SCORING SUMMARY

IA -- Tyrone Tracy, 23-yard touchdown rush (Duncan kick)
USC -- Drake London, 4-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
IA -- Ihmir Smith-Marsette, 6-yard touchdown rush (Duncan kick)
USC -- Vavae Malepeai, 16-yard pass from Slovis (McGrath kick)
IA -- Ihmir Smith-Marsette, 98-yard kickoff return (Duncan kick)
IA -- Ihmir Smith-Marsette, 12-yard pass from Stanley (Duncan kick)
USC -- Chas McGrath, 31-yard field goal
USC -- Stephen Carr, 3-yard touchdown rush (McGrath kick)
IA -- Tyler Goodson, 1-yard touchdown rush (Duncan kick)
IA -- Brandon Smith, 6-yard pass from Stanley (Duncan kick)
IA -- Nick Niemann, 25-yard interception return (Duncan kick)

Attendance: 50,123

USC	TEAM STATS	IOWA
20	First Downs	20
18-22	Rushes-Yards	25-115
334	Passing Yards	213
33-48-1	Com-Att-Int	18-28-0
66-356	Total Offense	63-328
4-38.2	Punts-Avg.	4-37.0
3-2	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
3-21	Penalties-Yards	4-23
26:36	Possession Time	33:24

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
USC: Malepeai 8-37; Carr 5-24
IOWA: Goodson 18-48; Tracy 1-23

PASSING:
USC: Slovis 22-30-260, 2 TD, 0 INT
IOWA: Stanley 18-27-213, 2 TD, 0 INT

RECEIVING:
USC: St. Brown 9-163; Vaughns 6-54
IOWA: LaPorta 6-44; B. Smith 4-32

TACKLES:
USC: Hufanga 14; Gaoteote 8
IOWA: Koerner 8; Hankins 7; Welch 7

2022 VRBO CITRUS BOWL

#22 Kentucky 20, #15 Iowa 17

Jan. 1, 2022 - Camping World Stadium - Orlando, Fla.

#15 Iowa	0		3		7		7	17
#22 Kentucky	7		6		0		7	20

GAME NOTES

LB Jack Campbell led Iowa with 14 tackles, tied for fourth most in Citrus Bowl history. Campbell had 143 tackles this season, the fifth-best single-season total in school history. The 143 tackles are the most by a Hawkeye since Pat Angerer had 145 in 2009.

RB Gavin Williams set career highs with 98 yards rushing on a career-best 16 carries. Williams was Iowa's leading rusher for the second straight game. He is the first Iowa running back to have his first career start come in a bowl game since Jordan Canzeri made his first career start at the 2011 Insight Bowl against Oklahoma.

TE Sam LaPorta had a career-high 122 receiving yards and matched his career high with seven receptions. He is the first Iowa tight end to have 100 yards receiving since T.J. Hockenson in 2018 (107 vs. Indiana). He is the first TE to lead Iowa in receptions and receiving yards since T.J. Hockenson in 2018 (49-760).

K Caleb Shudak connected on his only field goal attempt (28 yards) and connected on both PATs Saturday. Shudak scored five points today, raising his season total to 108 points, the fifth highest single-season total in school history. This season, Shudak was 24-28 on field goal attempts and connected on all 36 PAT attempts.

RB Leshon Williams set career highs with 10 rushes and 42 yards.

Iowa had a season-high six sacks, including two by DL Zach VanValkenburg, who finished with eight tackles and 2.5 tackles-for-loss.

DB Jermari Harris had a fourth-quarter interception, his fourth interception of the season. Iowa had one interception to raise its season total to a school-record 25. The Hawkeyes have 89 interception since 2017, more than any team in the country. Eleven different Hawkeyes had at least one interception this season.

SCORING SUMMARY

UK -- Chris Rodriguez, 5-yard pass from Levis (Ruffolo kick)
IA -- Caleb Shudak, 28-yard field goal
UK -- Matt Ruffolo, 21-yard field goal
UK -- Matt Ruffolo, 27-yard field goal
IA -- Arland Bruce, IV, 20-yard rush (Shudak kick)
IA -- Sam LaPorta, 36-yard reception from Petras (Shudak)
UK -- Chris Rodriguez, 6-yard rush (Ruffolo kick)

Attendance: 50,769

IOWA	TEAM STATS	KENTUCKY
20	First Downs	24
30-173	Rushes-Yards	47-121
211	Passing Yards	233
19-30-3	Com-Att-Int	17-28-1
60-384	Total Offense	75-354
4-50.0	Punts-Avg.	4-45.5
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
4-35	Penalties-Yards	3-20
22:06	Possession Time	37:54

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: G. Williams 16-98; L. Williams 10-42
KENT: Rodriguez 20-107; McClain 10-28

PASSING:
IOWA: Petras 19-30-211, 1 TD, 3 INT
KENT: Levis 17-28-233, 1 TD, 1 INT

RECEIVING:
IOWA: LaPorta 7-122, 1 TD
KENT: Robinson 10-170

TACKLES:
IOWA: Campbell 14; Benson 10
KENT: Wright 10; Corker 8; Ajian 7

2023 MUSIC CITY

2022 TRANSPERFECT MUSIC CITY BOWL

Iowa 21, Kentucky 0

Dec. 31, 2022 - Nissan Stadium - Nashville, Tenn.

Iowa	0		21		0		0	21
Kentucky	0		0		0		0	0

GAME NOTES

The victory is head coach Kirk Ferentz's 10th bowl win (eighth different bowls, Outback three times), tying Joe Paterno for the most bowl wins as a member of the Big Ten Conference. Ferentz has a 10-9 career bowl record, and is the 19th coach to win 10 or more bowl games in his career.

DB Cooper DeJean was named the TransPerfect Music City Bowl MVP after tallying seven tackles, one TFL, one pass breakup and returning a 14-yard interception for a touchdown. His 14-yard pick six in the second quarter gave Iowa a 21-0 lead. It was his third pick six this season. The three interception returns for touchdowns sets a single season program record, and ties career school record along with Tom Knight, Desmond King and Riley Moss.

DB Xavier Nwankpa had a 52-yard interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter to give Iowa a 14-0 lead. It is his first career interception and first career touchdown. Nwankpa also had a career-high eight tackles and one pass breakup.

LB Jack Campbell finished with a game-high 10 tackles, including one sack and two TFL. It is Campbell's eighth game with 10 or more stops of the year. He finished the season with 128 tackles, the 23rd-most in a single season in program history. He closes out his career with 305 tackles to rank 19th all-time in the record books.

P Tory Taylor tied an Iowa bowl record with eight punts for 386 yards (48.3 avg.). Four of his punts pinned the Wildcats inside the 10 and two at the 15.

QB Joe Labas made his first career start and saw his first collegiate action. He finished the game 14-of-24 for 139 yards and one touchdown – the first of his career. He also rushed four times for 11 yards.

TE Luke Lachey had a 15-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter to give Iowa a 7-0 lead. It is his fourth touchdown reception of the season (and his career).

TE Sam LaPorta had a team-best five receptions for 56 yards. He finishes his career with 153 receptions for 1,786 yards, ranking first in school history in career receptions amongst tight ends and second in career receiving yards.

Iowa posted the first shutout in TransPerfect Music City Bowl history. Iowa is the first Big Ten team to shutout an SEC opponent in a bowl game. It is the team's second shutout of the season (Nevada) – the most by the program since 2019. It is the program's second shutout all-time in a bowl game (1996 Alamo Bowl vs. Texas Tech – 26-0). Iowa allowed 10 or fewer points in nine games during the 2022 season, the most for the program since 1903.

The Hawkeye defense allowed 185 yards against Kentucky. It is the sixth game this season the defense has surrendered fewer than 200 yards. Iowa's defense forced its 22nd and 23rd turnovers in the game (8 fumbles, 15 interceptions). The defense turned them into 14 points in the game. Iowa scored 66 points off turnovers this season.

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

IA - Lachey - 15-yard pass from Labas (2 plays, 42 yards, 0:54)
IA - Nwankpa - 52-yard interception return (0:11)
IA - DeJean - 14-yard interception return (0:22)

Attendance: 42,312

IOWA	TEAM STATS	UK
10	First Downs	10
24-67	Rushes-Yards	32-68
139	Passing Yards	117
14-24-0	Com-Att-Int	22-37-2
48-206	Total Offense	69-185
8-48.2	Punts-Avg.	10-40.9
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	3-0
2-10	Penalties-Yards	3-35
25:43	Possession Time	34:17

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:
IOWA: Patterson 4-23, K. Johnson 9-17
UK: McClain 10-40, Wade 16-29

PASSING:
IOWA: Labas 14-24-139, 1 TD, 0 INT
UK: Wade 16-30-98, 2 INT; Hogan 6-7-19

RECEIVING:
IOWA: LaPorta 5-56, Lachey 3-36,
UK: Key 6-47

TACKLES:
IOWA: Campbell 10, Nwankpa 8
UK: Wallace 6, Wright/Jackson 4

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NOTE: The Iowa football records and best performances, compiled by the Iowa Athletic Communications Office, begin with the 1939 season, commonly called the "Modern Era" of Big Ten and NCAA athletics. Throughout the records section, players listed in boldface are current Iowa players.

SCORING

Points

Game	24 on 11 occasions (last by Akrum Wadley at Northwestern, 10/17/2015)
Season	120 by Shonn Greene, 2008 120 by Nate Kaeding, 2002
Career	373 by Nate Kaeding, 2000-03

Kicking Points

Game	17 by Kyle Schlicher at Minnesota, 11/13/2004
Season	120 by Nate Kaeding, 2002
Career	367 by Nate Kaeding, 2000-03

Touchdowns

Game	4 on 11 occasions (last by Akrum Wadley at Northwestern, 10/17/2015)
Season	20 by Shonn Greene, 2008
Career	36 by Tavian Banks, 1994-97

Cons. Carries 3 by Aaron Greving vs. Kent State, 9/1/2001

Field Goals

Game	5 by Kyle Schlicher at Minnesota, 11/13/2004
Season	29 by Keith Duncan, 2019
Career	67 by Nate Kaeding, 2000-03
Consecutive	22 by Nate Kaeding, 2001-02

FG Attempts

Game	6 by Keith Duncan (made 4), vs. Illinois, 11/23/2019
Season	34 by Keith Duncan, 2019
Career	83 by Nate Kaeding, 2000-03

PATs Made

Game	9 on two occasions (last by Zach Bromert vs. Iowa State, 9/20/1997)
Season	58 by Nate Kaeding, 2002
Career	169 by Nate Kaeding, 2000-03
Consecutive	122, Mike Meyer, 2010-13

PAT Attempts

Game	9 on six occasions (last by Zach Bromert vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997)
Season	58 by Nate Kaeding, 2002
Career	169 by Nate Kaeding, 2000-03

RUSHING

Attempts

Game	43 by Jordan Canzeri vs. Illinois, 10/10/2015
Season	316 by Sedrick Shaw, 1995
Career	837 by Sedrick Shaw, 1993-96

Yards Gained

Game	314 by Tavian Banks vs. Tulsa, 9/13/1997
Season	1,850 by Shonn Greene, 2008
Career	4,156 by Sedrick Shaw, 1993-96

Touchdowns

Game	4 on seven occasions (last by Akrum Wadley at Northwestern, 10/17/2015)
Season	20 by Shonn Greene, 2008
Career	33 by Tavian Banks, 1994-97 33 by Sedrick Shaw, 1993-96

RECEIVING

Receptions

Game	13 by Kevin Kasper at Ohio State, 10/30/1999 13 by Nick Bell at Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season	82 by Marvin McNutt, Jr., 2011 82 by Kevin Kasper, 2000
Career	174 by Kevonte Martin-Manley, 2011-14

Yards Gained

Game	256 by Quinn Early vs. Northwestern, 11/7/1987
Season	1,315 by Marvin McNutt, Jr., 2011
Career	2,861 by Marvin McNutt, Jr., 2008-11

Touchdowns

Game	4 by Ed Hinkel vs. Minnesota, 11/19/2005 4 by Quinn Early vs. Northwestern, 11/7/1987
Season	12 by Marvin McNutt, Jr., 2011
Career	28 by Marvin McNutt, Jr., 2008-11

PASSING

Attempts

Game	60 by Scott Mullen vs. Indiana, 10/23/1999 60 by Chuck Hartlieb vs. Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season	460 by Chuck Hartlieb, 1988
Career	1,203 by Chuck Long, 1981 85

Completions

Game	44 by Chuck Hartlieb vs. Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season	288 by Chuck Hartlieb, 1988
Career	782 by Chuck Long, 1981-85
Consecutive	22 by Chuck Long vs. Indiana, 1984

Completion Percentage

Game	100% by Brad Banks (10-10) vs. Northwestern, 11/09/2002
Season	67.1% by Chuck Long (216 of 322), 1984
Career	65.0% by Chuck Long (782 of 1,203), 1981-85

Yards Gained

Game	558 by Chuck Hartlieb vs. Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season	3,738 by Chuck Hartlieb, 1988
Career	10,461 by Chuck Long, 1981-85

Touchdowns

Game	7 by Chuck Hartlieb vs. Northwestern, 11/7/1987
Season	27 by Chuck Long, 1985
Career	74 by Chuck Long, 1981-85

Pass Efficiency (since 1979)

Season	157.63 by Ricky Stanzi, 2010
Career	155.53 by Brad Banks, 2001-02

TOTAL OFFENSE

Yards Gained

Game	516 by Chuck Hartlieb vs. Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season	3,530 by Chuck Hartlieb, 1988
Career	10,254 by Chuck Long, 1981-85

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

PUNT RETURNS

Number
Game_____9 by Nile Kinnick vs. Indiana, 10/7/1939
Season_____40 by Ramon Ochoa, 2003
Career _____124 by Peter Marciano, 1986-89

Yards Returned
Game_____201 by Nile Kinnick vs. Indiana, 10/7/1939
Season_____495 by Ramon Ochoa, 2003
Career _____1,102 by Tim Dwight, 1994-97

Touchdowns
Game_____2 by Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. W. Michigan, 9/21/2013
Season_____3 by Tim Dwight, 1997
Career _____5 by Tim Dwight, 1994-97

KICKOFF RETURNS

Number
Game_____9 by Tim Dwight vs. Ohio State, 10/28/1995
Season_____43 by Earl Douthitt, 1973
Career _____78 by Earl Douthitt, 1972-74

Yards Returned
Game_____187 by Sid Thomas vs. Michigan State, 11/23/1974
Season_____994 by Earl Douthitt, 1973
Career _____1,762 by Earl Douthitt, 1972-74

Touchdowns
Game 1, on several occasions
(last by Charlie Jones vs. Illinois, 100 yards, 11/20/21)
Season_____2 by Ihmir Smith-Marsette
(Nebraska and USC), 2019
Career _____2 by Ihmir Smith-Marsette, 2017-20
2 by Derrell Johnson-Koulianos, 2009 and 2010
2 by Kahlil Hill, 1998 and 2000

PUNTING

Number
Game_____16 by Nile Kinnick vs. Notre Dame, 11/11/1939
#Season_____86 by Ryan Donahue, 2007
Career _____**288 by Tory Taylor, 2020-23**

Yards
Game_____731 by Nile Kinnick vs. Notre Dame, 11/11/1939
Season_____**4,119 (79 punts) by Tory Taylor, 2023**
Career _____**13,297 by Tory Taylor, 2020-23**

Average
Game (min. 4) ___55.8 by Reggie Roby vs. Nebraska, 9/12/1981
Season_____49.8 by Reggie Roby, 1981
Career _____45.4 by Reggie Roby, 1979-82
 # - - Big Ten Record

INTERCEPTIONS

Number
Game_____3, Josh Jackson vs. Ohio State, 11/4/17
3, Tyler Sash at Iowa State, 9/12/2009
*3, Grant Steen at Indiana, 10/19/2002
Season_____8 by Joshua Jackson, 2017
8 by Desmond King, 2015
8 by Lou King, 1981
8 by Nile Kinnick, 1939
Career _____18 by Devon Mitchell, 1982-85
18 by Nile Kinnick, 1937-39

Return Yards
Season_____203, Tyler Sash, 2009
Career _____392, Tyler Sash, 2008-10

Touchdowns
Game_____2 by Riley Moss vs. Indiana, 9/4/21
2 by Josh Jackson at Wisconsin, 11/11/17
2 by B.J. Lowery vs. Western Michigan, 9/21/13
Season_____**3 by Cooper DeJean, 2022**
2 by Riley Moss vs. Indiana, 9/4/21
2 by Josh Jackson, 2017
2 by B.J. Lowery, 2013
2 by Christian Kirksey, 2012
2 by Micah Hyde, 2010
2 by Tom Knight, 1995
2 by Plez Atkins, 1995
Career _____**3 by Cooper DeJean, 2022**
3 by Riley Moss, 2018-Present
3 by Desmond King, 2013-16
3 by Tom Knight, 1992, 1994-96
** - - ties NCAA record for a linebacker*

TACKLES

Number
Game_____29 by Dave Clement vs. Oregon State, 9/19/1970
Season_____171 by Andre Jackson, 1972
Career _____492 by Larry Station, 1982-85

Solos
Game_____18 by George Davis vs. Minnesota, 11/17/1984
Season_____105 by Tom Rusk, 1977
Career _____308 by Larry Station, 1982-85

Assists
Game_____22 by Dave Clement vs. Oregon State, 9/19/1970
Season_____**90 by Jay Higgins, 2023**
Career _____220 by James Morris, 2010-13

For Loss
Game_____6 (23 yds.) by Leroy Smith vs. Ohio State, 11/2/1991
Season_____25 (93 yds.) by Jonathan Babineaux, 2004
Career _____79 (409 yds.) by Jared DeVries, 1995-1998

For Loss (yardage)
Game_____53 (4 tackles) by Ron Geater vs. Purdue, 10/25/1991
Season_____153 (20 tackles) by Andre Tippett, 1980
Career _____409 (79 tackles) by Jared DeVries, 1995 1998

QB Sacks
Game_____5 (21 yds.) by Leroy Smith vs. Ohio State, 11/2/1991
Season_____18 (101 yds.) by Leroy Smith, 1991
Career _____43 (323 yds.) by Jared DeVries, 1995-1998

Blocked Kicks
Game_____2 by Lukas Van Ness vs. Iowa State, 9/10/2022 (2 punts)
2 by Kenny Iwebema vs. Syracuse, 9/8/2007
2 by Kenny Iwebema vs. Illinois, 10/1/2005
2 by Sean Considine at Iowa State, 9/13/2003
2 by Maurea Crain vs. Minnesota, 11/21/1992
2 by Merton Hanks vs. Wyoming, 12/30/1987
Season_____5 by Jim Caldwell, 1973
Career _____7 by Merton Hanks, 1987-90

TEAM OFFENSE

SCORING

Points
Game____70 vs. Utah State, 9/28/1957
Season___484 in 2002
Per game_48.5 in 1890

Touchdowns
Game____10 vs. Texas-El Paso, 9/27/1986
10 vs. Utah State, 9/28/1957
Season___60 in 2002

Field Goals
Game____5 at Minnesota, 11/13/2004
5 vs. Washington, 12/29/1995
Season __29 in 2019

PATs Made
Game____9 vs. Iowa State, 9/20/1997
9 vs. Cincinnati, 9/15/1990
Season___57 in 2002

RUSHING

Attempts
Game____82 at Minnesota, 11/2/1968
82 vs. South Dakota, 10/5/1940
Season___607 in 1984

Yards Gained
Game____517 vs. Minnesota, 11/19/1983
Season___2,784 in 2002
Per game_255.4 in 1958

Yards/Attempt
Game____11.0 vs. Minnesota, 11/19/1983
Season___5.3 in 1997

Touchdowns
Game____9 vs. Cincinnati, 9/15/1990
Season___38 in 1990

PASSING

Attempts
Game____62 at Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season___470 in 1988

Completions
Game____44 at Indiana, 10/29/1988
Season___290 in 1988

Completion Percentage
Game____1.000 (12-12) vs. Northwestern, 11/9/2002
Season___.657 (276-420) in 1985

Yards Gained
Game____584 at Northwestern, 11/7/1987
Season___3,796 in 1987
Per game_300.9 in 1985

Touchdowns
Game____7 at Northwestern, 11/7/1987
Season___30 in 1985

TOTAL OFFENSE

Plays
Game____101 at Minnesota, 11/2/1968
Season___971 in 1987

Yards Gained
Game____713 vs. Northwestern, 10/8/1983
Season___5,647 in 1983
Per game_470.6 in 1983

FIRST DOWNS

Number
Game____36 vs. Washington State, 9/27/1969
Season___284 in 1985
Per game_23.7 in 1985

KICKOFF RETURNS

Number
Season___64 in 1973

Yards Returned
Season___1,381 in 1973
Per return 29.0 in 1941

PUNT RETURNS

Number
Season___48 in 2003

Yards Returned
Season___636 in 1997
Per return 17.0 in 1940

PUNTING

Number
Game____16 vs. Notre Dame, 11/11/1939
Season___87 in 2007

Yards
Game____731 vs. Notre Dame, 11/11/1939
Season __4,156 (87 punts, 47.8 avg.) in 2023

Yards/Punt
Game____53.7 (6 for 322 yards) vs. Nebraska, 9/12/1981
Season___**47.8 in 2023**

TEAM DEFENSE

SCORING

Points
Game_____ 0 on 58 occasions
(last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/2023)
Season____ 5 in 1899
Per game__ 0.6 in 1899

Touchdowns
Game_____ 0 on 79 occasions
(last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/2023)
Season____ 1 in 1899

RUSHING

Attempts
Game_____ 17 at Purdue, 11/18/1989
Season____ 362 in 1955

Yards Gained
Game_____ (-73) at Purdue, 11/18/1989
Season____ 861 in 2020
Per game__ 79.7 in 1981

Yards/Attempt
Game_____ (-4.2) at Purdue, 11/18/1989
Season____ 2.4 in 1981

Touchdowns
Game_____ 0 on many occasions
(last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/2023)
Season____ 1 in 1899

PASSING

Attempts
Game_____ 1 vs. South Dakota, 10/5/1940
1 at Notre Dame, 10/27/1945
Season____ 62 in 1944

Completions
Game_____ 0 on many occasions
2 vs. Georgia Tech, 1/5/2010
2 vs. Purdue, 10/24/1992
2 vs. Michigan State, 10/3/1987
Season____ 19 in 1944

Completion Percentage
Game_____ .000 on many occasions
.200 vs. Michigan State, 10/3/1987
Season____ .270 in 1941

Yards Gained
Game_____ (-7) vs. Notre Dame, 10/23/1948
Season____ 365 in 1941
Per game__ 45.6 in 1941

Touchdowns
Game_____ 0 on many occasions
(last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/2023)
Season____ 0 on many occasions

FIRST DOWNS

Game_____ 2 vs. South Dakota, 10/5/1940
2 vs. Nebraska, 11/4/1944
Season____ 67 in 1937
Per game__ 8.4 in 1937

TACKLES

For Loss
Game_____ 16 vs. Northwestern (-92 yards), 11/16/1991
Season____ 114 in 1995

QB Sacks
Game_____ 9 at Purdue (-74 yards), 11/18/1989
Season____ 61 in 1991

TURNOVERS

Interceptions
Game_____ 7 vs. Wisconsin, 11/13/1982
Season____ 25 in 2021 (13 games)

Fumbles Recovered
Game_____ 7 at Purdue, 10/1/1949
Season____ 26 in 1977

TOTAL OFFENSE

Plays
Game_____ 39 vs. Wyoming, 10/17/1953
Season____ 475 in 1944

Yards Gained
Game_____ 49 at Northwestern, 10/6/1984
Season____ 1,467 in 1937
Per game__ 183.3 in 1937

INDIVIDUAL GAME BESTS

RUSHING (MIN. 175 YARDS)

	Name	Att-Yds	TDs	Opponent	Date
1.	Tavian Banks	29-314	4	Tulsa	9/13/1997
2.	Ed Podolak	17-286	2	Northwestern	11/9/1968
3.	Jordan Canzeri	43-256	4	Illinois	10/10/2015
4.	Marcus Coker	32-252	2	Minnesota	10/29/2011
5.	Sedrick Shaw	42-250	1	Michigan State	10/7/1995
6.	Phil Blatcher	27-247	2	Michigan State	11/21/1981
7.	Dennis Mosley	39-229	2	Iowa State	9/29/1979
8.	Marcus Coker	33-219	2	Missouri	12/28/2010
9.	Mark Weisman	27-217	3	Central Michigan	9/22/2012
	Shonn Greene	25-217	4	Wisconsin	10/18/2008
	Nick Bell	31-217	3	Wisconsin	10/14/1989
12.	Sedrick Shaw	41-214	3	Wisconsin	11/18/1995
13.	Shonn Greene	30-211	2	Purdue	11/15/2008
14.	Akrum Wadley	26-204	4	Northwestern	10/17/2015
	Tavian Banks	18-204	2	Northern Iowa	9/6/1997
16.	Albert Young	38-202	2	Northwestern	11/5/2005
	Jim Jensen	21-202	2	Indiana	10/18/1975
18.	**Kaleb Johnson**	**22-200**	**1**	**Purdue**	**11/5/2022**
19.	Eddie Phillips	36-198	1	Minnesota	10/23/1982
20.	LeShun Daniels, Jr.	26-195	3	Minnesota	11/14/2015
21.	Fred Russell	17-194	1	Minnesota	11/16/2002
	Tony Stewart	32-194	0	Iowa State	9/24/1988
	Bob Jeter	9-194	1	California	1/1/1959
24.	Frank Holmes	34-193	2	Oregon State	9/23/1972
25.	Ronnie Harmon	28-191	3	Illinois	9/29/1984
26.	Rick Bayless	33-183	0	Northwestern	10/25/1986
	Jerry Faske	20-183	1	Northwestern	10/22/1949
28.	Tavian Banks	18-182	3	Iowa State	9/14/1996
	Kevin Harmon	31-182	3	Iowa State	9/19/1987
30.	Mark Weisman	30-180	2	Missouri State	9/7/2013
31.	Albert Young	34-179	2	Michigan State	10/27/2007
32.	Sedrick Shaw	32-178	1	Iowa State	9/16/1995
33.	Mark Weisman	21-177	1	Minnesota	9/29/2012
34.	Akrum Wadley	15-176	1	Purdue	10/15/2016
	Jeff Brown	31-176	0	Indiana	9/13/1980
36.	Dennis Green	18-175	2	Texas Christian	9/28/1968

RECEIVING (MIN. 150 YARDS)

	Name	No.-Yds	TDs	Opponent	Date
1.	Quinn Early	10-256	4	Northwestern	11/7/1987
2.	Deven Harberts	11-233	1	Indiana	10/29/1988
3.	Bill Happel	9-207	3	N. Illinois	9/21/1985
4.	Dave Moritz	11-192	2	Indiana	10/29/1983
5.	Keith Chappelle	12-191	2	Illinois	10/11/1980
6.	Tim Dwight	8-188	1	Northwestern	11/9/1996
7.	Tim Dwight	8-187	3	Iowa State	11/20/1997
8.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	6-184	3	Indiana	10/22/2011
9.	D. Johnson-Koulianos	7-181	1	Minnesota	11/22/2008
10.	Dave Moritz	8 168	1	Tennessee	12/31/1982
11.	Scott Slutzker	8-167	0	Penn State	10/21/1995
12.	Clinton Solomon	5-166	2	Purdue	10/8/2005
13.	Jim Gibbons	9-164	2	Minnesota	11/9/1957
14.	Al Bream	12-160	2	Illinois	11/25/1967
15.	Andy Brodell	6-159	2	Texas	12/30/2006
	Andy Brodell	7-159	1	Minnesota	11/18/2006
	Marv Cook	9 159	1	Ohio State	11/14/1987
18.	Clinton Solomon	9-157	1	Minnesota	11/13/2004
	Dave Triplett	7-157	1	Wisconsin	10/30/1971
20.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	4-155	1	Indiana	10/31/2009
	Karl Noonan	10-155	1	Wisconsin	10/17/1964
	Emlen Tunnell	6-155	3	Indiana	10/11/1947
23.	Scott Helverson	8-154	2	Iowa State	9/28/1985
24.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	9-151	2	Purdue	11/19/2011
	Ed Hinkel	7-151	4	Minnesota	11/19/2005
	Jack Dittmer	5-151	2	Boston U.	11/20/1948

PASSING (MIN. 300 YARDS)

	Name	Comp-Att	Yds	TDs	Opponent	Date
1.	Chuck Hartlieb	44-60	558	3	Indiana	10/29/1988
2.	Chuck Hartlieb	25-32	471	7	Northwestern	11/7/1987
3.	Chuck Long	29-39	461	6	Texas	12/26/1984
4.	Chuck Hartlieb	30-51	428	3	N.C. State	12/31/1988
5.	Scott Mullen	36-60	426	0	Indiana	10/23/1999
6.	Chuck Long	23-33	420	3	Northwestern	10/8/1983
7.	James Vandenberg	31-48	399	1	Pittsburgh	9/17/2011
	Chuck Long	19-26	399	6	Northwestern	10/26/1985
9.	Jon Beutjer	30-47	380	4	Indiana	9/30/2000
	Chuck Long	30-39	380	4	Michigan State	10/5/1985
11.	Matt Sherman	21-28	374	2	Penn State	10/21/1995
12.	Chuck Long	17-21	369	4	Purdue	10/13/1984
13.	Chuck Hartlieb	27-43	362	1	Michigan	10/17/1987
14.	Chuck Hartlieb	24-40	360	2	Ohio State	11/12/1988
15.	Drew Tate	19-33	357	3	Purdue	10/8/2005
16.	Drew Tate	26-36	354	2	Minnesota	11/18/2006
17.	Drew Tate	19-32	351	4	Minnesota	11/19/2005
18.	Drew Tate	32-55	346	3	Florida	1/2/2006
19.	Chuck Long	16-30	345	2	Penn State	9/17/1983
20.	Drew Tate	25-37	340	1	Michigan State	10/2/2004
	Scott Mullen	28-51	340	3	Minnesota	11/20/1999
22.	Ricky Stanzi	13-26	337	2	Indiana	10/31/2009
23.	Matt Sherman	18-37	334	2	Ohio State	10/28/1995
24.	Nate Stanley	27-41	333	5	Iowa State	9/9/2017
	Drew Tate	24-39	333	2	Minnesota	11/13/2004
	Chuck Hartlieb	20-37	333	1	Ohio State	11/14/1987
27.	Drew Tate	26-39	331	3	Ohio State	10/16/2004
28.	Matt Sherman	19-24	331	3	Northwestern	11/12/1994
29.	Chuck Hartlieb	26-41	328	2	Minnesota	11/21/1987
30.	Jake Rudock	33-52	322	2	Ball State	9/6/2014
31.	Pete Gales	23-46	321	1	Purdue	11/8/1980
32.	Nate Stanley	21-32	320	6	Indiana	10/13/2018
33.	Chuck Long	29-37	319	1	UCLA	1/1/1986
34.	Jake Rudock	32-56	317	2	Maryland	10/18/14
	Chuck Hartlieb	19-34	317	3	Purdue	10/24/1987
36.	Mike Cilek	27-48	316	2	Illinois	11/22/1967
37.	Nate Stanley	23-39	314	4	Minnesota	10/13/2018
38.	Scott Mullen	23-34	314	2	W. Michigan	9/9/2000
39.	Jake Rudock	20-30	311	2	Wisconsin	11/22/14
40.	Gary Snook	26 49	310	2	Purdue	10/24/1964
41.	Nate Stanley	23-28	309	2	Northern Iowa	9/15/2018
	Gary Snook	18 36	309	2	Minnesota	11/7/1964
43.	Nate Stanley	18-35	308	0	Illinois	11/23/2019
	Jake Christensen	24-42	308	3	Indiana	9/29/2007
	Jim Hartlieb	25-39	308	3	Michigan	10/3/1992
46.	Chuck Long	19-26	304	3	Tennessee	12/31/1982
	Olen Treadway	26-41	304	1	Wisconsin	10/17/1959

Players listed in boldface are current players.

INDIVIDUAL GAME BESTS

TOTAL OFFENSE (MIN. 350 YARDS)

	Name	Rush	Pass	Total	Opponent	Date
1.	Chuck Hartlieb	(42)	558	516	Indiana	10/29/1988
2.	Chuck Long	20	461	481	Texas	12/26/1984
3.	Scott Mullen	47	426	473	Indiana	10/23/1999
4.	Chuck Hartlieb	1	471	472	Northwestern	11/7/1987
5.	Chuck Hartlieb	(18)	428	410	N.C. State	12/31/1988
6.	Chuck Long	6	399	405	Northwestern	10/26/1985
7.	Chuck Long	(22)	420	398	Northwestern	10/8/1983
8.	James Vandenberg	(-8)	399	391	Pittsburgh	9/17/2011
9.	Jon Beutjer	10	380	390	Indiana	9/30/2000
10.	Chuck Long	5	380	385	Michigan State	10/5/1985
11.	Pete Gales	50	321	371	Purdue	11/8/1980
12.	Drew Tate	24	346	370	Florida	1/2/2006
13.	Drew Tate	12	357	369	Purdue	10/8/2005
14.	Drew Tate	11	354	365	Minnesota	11/18/2006
15.	Ricky Stanzi	24	337	361	Indiana	10/31/2009
16.	Chuck Long	(9)	369	360	Purdue	10/13/1984
17.	Jake Rudock	36	322	358	Ball State	9/6/2014
18.	Drew Tate	5	351	356	Minnesota	11/19/2005
19.	Drew Tate	24	331	355	Ohio State	10/16/2004

SCORING

	Name	Pts	TDs	PAT	Opponent	Date
1.	Akrum Wadley	24	4	0	Northwestern	10/17/2015
	Jordan Canzeri	24	4	0	Illinois	10/10/2015
	Shonn Greene	24	4	0	Wisconsin	10/18/2008
	Ed Hinkel	24	4	0	Minnesota	11/19/2005
	Tavian Banks	24	4	0	Iowa State	9/20/1997
	Tavian Banks	24	4	0	Tulsa	9/13/1997
	Mike Saunders	24	4	0	Indiana	11/9/1991
	Quinn Early	24	4	0	Northwestern	11/7/1987
	Owen Gill	24	4	0	Iowa State	9/10/1983
	Dennis Mosley	24	4	0	Indiana	9/8/1979
	Larry Lawrence	24	4	0	Minnesota	11/2/1968
	Frank Kinney Holbrook	24	4	0	Drake	10/3/1896
13.	Nile Kinnick	23	3	5	South Dakota	9/30/1939
14.	40 players tied with 18 (last time by Tyler Goodson vs. Kent State, 9/18/2021)					

INTERCEPTIONS

	Name	INT	Opponent	Date
1.	Josh Jackson	3	Ohio State	11/4/2017
	Tyler Sash	3	Iowa State	9/12/2009
	Grant Steen	3	Indiana	10/19/2002

INTERCEPTION RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS

	Name	TDs	Opponent	Date
1.	Riley Moss	2 (30 & 55 yards)	Indiana	9/4/2021
	Josh Jackson	2 (43 & 52 yards)	Wisconsin	11/11/2017
	B.J. Lowery	2 (35 & 13 yards)	Western Michigan	9/21/2013

PUNT RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS

	Name	TDs	Opponent	Date
1.	Kevonate Martin-Manley	2 (83 & 63 yards)	W. Michigan	9/21/2013

TACKLES (MIN. 20 TACKLES)

	Name	Total	Solo-Ast	Opponent	Date
1.	Dave Clement	29	7-22	Oregon State	9/19/1970
2.	Bobby Diaco	26	10-16	Indiana	10/14/1995
3.	Dave Brooks	26	13-13	Illinois	11/21/1970
4.	Bob Sanders	25	14-11	Indiana	10/20/2001
5.	Dave Moreland	23	15-8	Minnesota	10/15/1966
6.	Greg Allison	22	7-15	Purdue	10/26/1968
	Andre Jackson	22	13-9	Michigan State	10/28/1972
8.	Mike Phillips	21	7-14	Purdue	10/26/1968
	Andre Jackson	21	8-13	Ohio State	9/16/1972
	Andre Jackson	21	11-10	Purdue	11/15/1975
	Larry Station	21	17-4	Minnesota	11/17/1984
	Jim Reilly	21	14-7	Indiana	10/29/1988
13.	Abdul Hodge	20	14-6	Michigan	10/22/2005
	Dave Clement	20	11-9	Illinois	11/21/1970
	Andre Jackson	20	15-5	Minnesota	10/21/1972
	Andre Jackson	20	13-7	Michigan	9/15/1973
	Andre Jackson	20	15-5	UCLA	9/22/1973
	Bob Salter	20	12-8	Ohio State	11/17/1973
	Tom Rusk	20	16-4	UCLA	10/1/1977
	Larry Station	20	13-7	Purdue	10/15/1983
	George Davis	20	18-2	Minnesota	11/17/1984
	Larry Station	20	17-3	Michigan State	10/5/1985
	Dave Haight	20	14-6	Michigan	10/18/1986
	Brad Quast	20	12-8	Iowa State	9/24/1988
	Melvin Foster	20	13-7	Michigan State	10/6/1990
	Eric Thigpen	20	11-9	Wisconsin	10/24/1998

INDIVIDUAL SEASON BESTS

RUSHING (MIN. 700 YARDS)

	Name	Att-Yards	Avg	TDs	Year
1.	Shonn Greene	307-1,850	6.0	20	2008
2.	Tavian Banks	260-1,691	6.5	17	1997
3.	Sedrick Shaw	316-1,477	4.7	15	1995
4.	Marcus Coker	281-1,384	4.9	15	2011
5.	Fred Russell	282-1,355	4.8	7	2003
6.	Albert Young	249-1,334	5.4	8	2005
7.	Dennis Mosley	270-1,267	4.7	12	1979
8.	Fred Russell	220-1,264	5.7	9	2002
9.	Ronnie Harmon	223-1,166	5.2	9	1985
10.	Tyler Goodson	256-1,151	4.5	6	2021
11.	Rick Bayless	216-1,150	5.3	10	1986
12.	Sedrick Shaw	224-1,116	5.0	9	1996
13.	Akrum Wadley	252-1,109	4.4	10	2017
14.	Ladell Betts	232-1,090	4.7	5	2000
15.	Akrum Wadley	168-1,081	6.4	10	2016
16.	Ladell Betts	222-1,060	4.8	10	2001
17.	LeShun Daniels, Jr.	213-1,058	5.0	10	2016
18.	Tony Stewart	215-1,036	4.8	8	1988
19.	Mike Saunders	216-1,022	4.7	10	1991
20.	Nick Bell	166-1,009	6.1	12	1990
21.	Sedrick Shaw	170-1,002	5.9	7	1994
22.	Jordan Canzeri	183-984	5.4	12	2015
23.	Mark Weisman	227-975	4.3	8	2013
24.	Albert Young	206-968	4.7	6	2007
25.	Adam Robinson	203-941	4.6	10	2010
26.	Ed Podolak	154-937	6.1	8	1968
27.	Owen Gill	199-920	4.6	4	1984
28.	Ronnie Harmon	190-907	4.8	11	1984
29.	Levi Mitchell	205-900	4.4	3	1970
30.	Ladell Betts	189-857	4.5	5	1999
31.	Tony Stewart	157-844	5.4	3	1990
32.	Adam Robinson	181-834	4.6	5	2009
33.	Mark Weisman	159-815	5.1	8	2012
34.	Mark Weisman	213-812	3.8	16	2014
35.	Eddie Phillips	166-806	4.9	5	1982
36.	**Leshon Williams**	**164-804**	**4.9**	**1**	**2023**
37.	Owen Gill	129-798	6.2	10	1983
38.	**Kaleb Johnson**	**151-779**	**5.2**	**6**	**2022**
39.	Albert Young	178-779	4.4	7	2006
40.	Eddie Phillips	162-778	4.8	8	1983
	Tyler Goodson	143-762	5.3	7	2020
42.	Mekhi Sargent	159-745	4.7	9	2018
43.	Phil Blatcher	157-737	4.7	8	1981
	Bill Reichardt	178-737	4.2	2	1951
45.	Kevin Harmon	151-715	4.7	6	1987
46.	Jermelle Lewis	123-709	5.8	8	2002

PASSING (MIN. 1,500 YARDS)

	Name	Comp-Att	Pct.	Yards	TDs	Year
1.	Chuck Hartlieb	288-460	.626	3,738	17	1988
2.	Chuck Long	260-388	.670	3,297	27	1985
3.	Chuck Hartlieb	217-334	.650	3,092	19	1987
4.	James Vandenberg	232-404	.574	3,022	25	2011
5.	Ricky Stanzi	221-345	.641	3,004	25	2010
6.	Nate Stanley	237-399	.594	2,951	16	2019
7.	Chuck Long	216-322	.671	2,871	22	1984
8.	Nate Stanley	235-396	.593	2,852	26	2018
9.	Drew Tate	219-352	.622	2,828	22	2005
10.	C.J. Beathard	223-362	.616	2,809	17	2015
11.	Drew Tate	233-375	.621	2,786	20	2004
12.	Drew Tate	207-352	.588	2,623	18	2006
13.	Chuck Long	157-265	.592	2,601	14	1983
14.	Brad Banks	170-294	.578	2,573	26	2002
15.	Matt Sherman	170-295	.576	2,546	14	1995
16.	Nate Stanley	196-351	.558	2,437	26	2017
17.	Jake Rudock	213-345	.617	2,436	16	2014
18.	Ricky Stanzi	171-304	.562	2,417	17	2009
19.	Jake Rudock	204-346	.590	2,383	18	2013
20.	Matt Rodgers	185-283	.654	2,275	14	1991
21.	Jake Christensen	198-370	.535	2,269	17	2007
22.	James Vandenberg	223-389	.573	2,249	7	2012
23.	Matt Rodgers	187-310	.603	2,228	15	1990
24.	Matt Rodgers	178-312	.571	2,222	12	1989
25.	Paul Burmeister	184-309	.596	2,152	10	1993
26.	Gary Snook	151-311	.485	2,062	11	1964
27.	Nathan Chandler	165-307	.537	2,040	18	2003
28.	Kyle McCann	167-252	.663	2,028	16	2001
29.	Ricky Stanzi	150-254	.591	1,956	14	2008
30.	C.J. Beathard	170-301	.565	1,929	17	2016
31.	Matt Sherman	154-264	.583	1,918	12	1996
32.	Spencer Petras	165-288	.573	1,880	10	2021
33.	Spencer Petras	157-281	.559	1.725	5	2022
34.	Larry Lawrence	113-239	.473	1,680	10	1969
35.	Chuck Long	148-227	.652	1,678	11	1982
36.	Jim Hartlieb	144-226	.637	1,579	12	1992
37.	Spencer Petras	140-245	.571	1,569	9	2020

NOTE: Players listed in boldface are current players.

INDIVIDUAL SEASON BESTS

RECEIVING (MIN. 600 YARDS)

	Name	No.-Yards	Avg	TDs	Year
1.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	82-1,315	16.0	12	2011
2.	Keith Chappelle	64-1,037	16.2	6	1980
3.	Kevin Kasper	82-1,010	12.3	7	2000
4.	Quinn Early	63-1,004	15.9	10	1987
5.	Maurice Brown	48-966	20.1	11	2002
6.	Karl Noonan	59-933	15.8	4	1964
7.	Dave Moritz	50-912	18.2	5	1983
8.	Clinton Solomon	58-905	15.6	6	2004
9.	Bill Happel	56-901	16.1	8	1985
10.	Deven Harberts	53-880	16.6	6	1988
11.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	53-861	16.2	8	2010
12.	Kahlil Hill	59-841	14.3	8	2001
13.	Tim Dwight	46-816	17.7	9	1995
14.	Marv Cook	49-803	16.4	2	1987
15.	Clinton Solomon	46-800	17.4	7	2005
16.	Marv Cook	63-767	12.2	3	1988
17.	T.J. Hockenson	49-760	15.5	6	2018
18.	Danan Hughes	43-757	17.6	8	1991
19.	Tim Dwight	51-751	14.7	4	1996
20.	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	45-750	16.7	2	2009
21.	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	46-745	16.2	10	2010
22.	Ed Hinkel	63-744	11.8	7	2004
23.	Dallas Clark	43-742	17.3	4	2002
24.	Kerry Reardon	43-738	17.2	6	1969
25.	Ronnie Harmon	35-729	20.8	5	1983
26.	Andy Brodell	39-724	18.6	5	2006
27.	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	44-722	16.4	5	2019
28.	Keenan Davis	50-713	14.3	4	2011
29.	Al Bream	55-704	12.8	5	1967
	Tim Dwight	42-704	16.8	8	1997
31.	Matt VandeBerg	65-703	10.8	4	2015
	Scott Helverson	54-703	13.0	5	1985
33.	Ronnie Harmon	60-699	11.7	1	1985
34.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	34-674	19.8	8	2009
35.	Sam LaPorta	53-670	12.6	3	2021
36.	Kevin Kasper	60-664	11.1	3	1999
37.	Sam LaPorta	58-657	11.3	1	2022
38.	Dominique Douglas	49-654	13.3	2	2006
	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos	44-639	14.5	3	2008
40.	Bill Happel	47-632	13.4	3	1984
41.	Harold Jasper	33-621	18.8	2	1994
42.	Kahlil Hill	58-619	10.7	5	2000
43.	Dave Moritz	41-605	14.8	3	1982
44.	Alan Cross	55-600	10.9	5	1992
	Jim Mauro	30-600	20.0	5	1986

TOTAL OFFENSE (MIN. 1,600 YARDS)

	Name	Rush	Pass	Total	TDR*	Year
1.	Chuck Hartlieb	(-208)	3,738	3,530	18	1988
2.	Chuck Long	(-125)	3,297	3,172	29	1985
3.	James Vandenberg	61	3,022	3,083	28	2011
4.	C.J. Beathard	237	2,809	3,046	23	2015
5.	Ricky Stanzi	(-6)	3,004	2,998	27	2010
6.	Brad Banks	423	2,573	2,996	31	2002
7.	Nate Stanley	7	2,951	2,958	17	2019
8.	Chuck Hartlieb	(-159)	3,092	2,933	20	1987
9.	Drew Tate	41	2,828	2,869	23	2005
10.	Nate Stanley	4	2,852	2,856	27	2018
11.	Drew Tate	124	2,623	2,747	18	2006
12.	Chuck Long	(-154)	2,871	2,717	26	1984
13.	Drew Tate	(-76)	2,786	2,710	22	2004
14.	Jake Rudock	176	2,436	2,612	19	2014
15.	Jake Rudock	218	2,383	2,601	23	2013
16.	Chuck Long	(-60)	2,601	2,541	19	1983
17.	Matt Rodgers	140	2,275	2,415	18	1991
18.	Matt Sherman	(-153)	2,546	2,393	15	1995
19.	Ricky Stanzi	(-31)	2,417	2,386	17	2009
20.	Nate Stanley	(-115)	2,437	2,322	26	2017
21.	Matt Rodgers	64	2,228	2,292	24	1990
22.	Jake Christensen	0	2,269	2,269	18	2007
23.	James Vandenberg	16	2,249	2,265	11	2012
24.	Nathan Chandler	138	2,040	2,178	24	2003
25.	Matt Rodgers	(-74)	2,222	2,148	14	1989
26.	Kyle McCann	78	2,028	2,106	19	2001
27.	Larry Lawrence	406	1,680	2,086	15	1969
28.	Gary Snook	(-18)	2,062	2,044	15	1964
29.	Ricky Stanzi	20	1,956	1,976	14	2008
30.	C.J. Beathard	(-13)	1,929	1,916	19	2016
31.	Paul Burmeister	(-257)	2,152	1,895	13	1993
	Shonn Greene	1,850	0	1,850	20	2008
33.	Chuck Long	121	1,678	1,799	15	1982
34.	Spencer Petras	(-109)	1,880	1,771	15	2021
35.	Matt Sherman	(-186)	1,918	1,732	13	1996
36.	Tavian Banks	1,691	0	1,691	17	1997
37.	Jim Hartlieb	60	1,579	1,639	14	1992

**TDR - - touchdowns responsible for*

INDIVIDUAL SEASON BESTS

SCORING (MIN. 75 POINTS)

	Name	Points	TDs-PAT-FG	Year
1.	Shonn Greene	120	20-0-0	2008
	Nate Kaeding	120	0-57-21	2002
3.	Keith Duncan	119	0-32-29	2019
4.	Tavian Banks	114	19-0-0	1997
5.	Nate Kaeding	106	1-40-20	2003
6.	Rob Houghtlin	105	0-48-19	1985
7.	Rob Houghtlin	104	0-41-21	1987
8.	Caleb Shudak	103	0-34-23	2021
9.	Miguel Recinos	98	0-47-17	2018
10.	Mark Weisman	96	16-0-0	2014
	Dennis Mosley	96	16-0-0	1979
12.	Marshall Koehn	95	0-47-16	2015
13.	Kyle Schlicher	94	0-43-17	2005
14.	Kyle Schlicher	92	0-29-21	2004
	Sedrick Shaw	92	15-1-0	1995
16.	Marcus Coker	90	15-0-0	2011
	Mike Meyer	89	0-41-16	2013
	Daniel Murray	89	0-32-19	2009
	Tom Nichol	89	0-41-16	1984
20.	Mike Meyer	86	0-44-14	2011
	Tom Nichol	86	0-44-14	1983
22.	Nate Kaeding	85	0-49-12	2001
	Nick Bell	84	14-0-0	1990
24.	Jeff Skillett	83	0-47-12	1990
25.	Rob Houghtlin	81	0-39-14	1986
26.	Akrum Wadley	78	13-0-0	2017
	Akrum Wadley	78	13-0-0	2016
	Jordan Canzeri	78	13-0-0	2015
	Mike Saunders	78	13-0-0	1991
30.	Miguel Recinos	77	0-44-11	2017
31.	Mike Meyer	76	0-25-17	2012

INTERCEPTIONS (MIN. 6)

	Name	No.-Yards	Avg	TDs	Year
1.	Josh Jackson	8-168	21.0	2	2017
	Desmond King	8-118	14.8	1	2015
	Lou King	8-62	7.8	0	1981
	Nile Kinnick	8-52	6.5	0	1939
5.	Kerry Burt	7-15	2.1	0	1987
	Jay Norvell	7-93	13.3	0	1985
	Steve Wilson	7-83	11.9	0	1967
8.	Tyler Sash	6-203	33.8	1	2009
	Jovon Johnson	6-81	13.5	0	2003
	Damien Robinson	6-99	16.5	0	1996
	Plez Atkins	6-96	16.2	2	1995
	Mike Stoops	6-154	25.7	0	1983
	Rod Sears	6-50	8.3	0	1976

TACKLES (MIN 115 TACKLES)

	Name	Total	Solo-Ast	Year
1.	Andre Jackson	171	83 88	1972
2.	Abdul Hodge	158	98-60	2005
3.	Chad Greenway	156	95-61	2005
4.	**Jay Higgins**	**155**	**65-90**	**2023**
5.	Pat Angerer	145	48-97	2009
6.	Jack Campbell	143	57-86	2021
7.	Abdul Hodge	141	84-57	2003
8.	Dave Clement	140	75-65	1970
	Jim Reilly	139	82-57	1988
	Dave Simms	139	84-55	1971
11.	Larry Station	138	81-57	1983
	Tom Rusk	138	105-33	1977
13.	Larry Station	137	85-52	1984
14.	Josey Jewell	136	69-67	2017
15.	Matt Hughes	136	92-44	1996
16.	Bobby Diaco	134	62-72	1995
17.	Brad Quast	133	78-55	1988
18.	Chad Greenway	132	78-54	2003
19.	Mike Dailey	131	82-49	1993
20.	Dave Brooks	130	75-55	1970
21.	Mike Klinkenborg	129	61-68	2006
	George Davis	129	82-47	1986
	Larry Station	129	91-38	1985
24.	Jack Campbell	128	60-68	2022
25.	Dan LaFleur	127	75-52	1973
26.	Josey Jewell	126	62-64	2015
	Vernon Rollins	126	77-49	1996
	Dave Haight	126	81-45	1987
	Andre Jackson	126	83-43	1975
	Mel Cole	125	72-53	1980
	Josey Jewell	124	58-66	2016
	Anthony Hitchens	124	56-68	2012
	Rod Barnhart	124	70 54	1967
34.	Mike Humpal	123	46-77	2007
35.	Bob Sanders	122	78-44	2001
	Mike Phillips	119	77 42	1968
37.	Dave Simms	117	63 54	1972
38.	Cole Fisher	116	60-56	2015
	Abdul Hodge	116	79-37	2004
	Fred Barr	116	73-43	2001
	Bobby Diaco	116	67-49	1994
	Melvin Foster	116	38-78	1989
43.	Dan LaFleur	115	74-41	1974

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INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

RUSHING (MIN. 1,000 YARDS)

	Name	Att-Yards	Avg	TDs	Years
1.	Sedrick Shaw	837-4,156	5.0	33	1993-96
2.	Ladell Betts	831-3,686	4.4	25	1998-01
3.	Albert Young	660-3,173	4.8	23	2004-07
4.	Tavian Banks	505-2,977	5.9	33	1994-97
5.	Akrum Wadley	536-2,872	5.4	28	2014-17
6.	Fred Russell	514-2,760	5.4	17	2001-03
7.	Mark Weisman	599-2,602	4.3	32	2012-14
8.	Tony Stewart	532-2,562	4.8	17	1987-90
9.	Owen Gill	489-2,556	5.2	22	1981-84
10.	Tyler Goodson	533-2,551	4.8	18	2019-pr.
11.	Ronnie Harmon	443-2,271	5.1	22	1982-85
12.	Shonn Greene	376-2,228	5.9	22	2005-06, 08
13.	Eddie Phillips	465-2,177	4.7	19	1980-83
14.	Dennis Mosley	458-2,133	4.6	14	1976-79
15.	Jordan Canzeri	390-2,073	5.3	14	2011, 2013-15
16.	Marcus Coker	395-2,006	5.1	18	2010-2011
17.	Levi Mitchell	425-1,927	4.5	10	1969-71
18.	LeShun Daniels, Jr.	408-1,888	4.6	19	2013-2016
19.	Adam Robinson	384-1,775	4.6	15	2009-10
20.	Nick Bell	311-1,748	5.6	18	1988-90
21.	Mekhi Sargent	354-1,740	4.9	20	2018-20
22.	Ed Podolak	407-1,710	4.2	14	1966-68
23.	Bill Reichardt	384-1,665	4.3	6	1949-51
24.	Jim Jensen	367-1,661	4.5	9	1972-75
25.	David Hudson	340-1,629	4.8	24	1985-88
26.	Tim Sullivan	357-1,584	4.4	15	1967-70
27.	Rick Bayless	317-1,561	4.9	13	1984-87
28.	Damian Sims	279-1,504	5.4	13	2004-07
29.	Mike Saunders	309-1,476	4.8	16	1988-91
30.	Ryan Terry	293-1,443	4.9	12	1992-94
31.	Silas McKinnie	254-1,390	5.5	10	1965-67
32.	Eddie Vincent	227-1,373	6.0	11	1953-55
33.	Larry Ferguson	215-1,297	6.0	10	1959-62
34.	**Leshon Williams**	**302-1,285**	**4.3**	**3**	**2021-pr.**
35.	Toren Young	262-1,262	4.8	8	2017-19
36.	Jerry Faske	223-1,240	5.6	9	1948-50
37.	Jon Lazar	304-1,225	4.0	7	1975-78
38.	**Kaleb Johnson**	**261-1,208**	**4.6**	**9**	**2022-pr.**
39.	Kevin Harmon	243-1,151	4.7	12	1984-87
40.	Jermelle Lewis	226-1,150	5.1	10	2002-04
41.	Bill Green	299-1,135	3.8	13	1939-41
42.	Norm Granger	203-1,099	5.4	5	1980-83
43.	Lew Montgomery	266-1,093	4.1	17	1989-92
44.	Damon Bullock	290-1,074	3.7	4	2011-14
45.	Marvin Lampkin	256-1,066	4.2	5	1989-92
46.	Phil Blatcher	213-1,061	5.0	10	1978-81
	Butch Caldwell	330-1,061	3.2	12	1972-76
48.	George Rice	238-1,050	4.4	12	1951-53
49.	George Broeder	256-1,025	4.0	7	1951-54
50.	Bob Jeter	171-1,016	5.9	7	1957-59
51.	Ray Jauch	177-1,010	5.7	6	1957-59
52.	Mark Fetter	242-1,006	4.2	6	1972-75

PASSING (MIN. 1,500 YARDS)

	Name	Comp-Att	Avg	Yards	TDs	Years
1.	Chuck Long	782-1,203	.650	10,461	74	1981-85
2.	Nate Stanley	673-1,155	.583	8,302	68	2016-19
3.	Drew Tate	665-1,090	.610	8,292	61	2003-06
4.	Ricky Stanzi	542-907	.598	7,377	56	2007-10
5.	Chuck Hartlieb	512-802	.638	6,934	37	1986-88
6.	Matt Rodgers	550-905	.608	6,725	41	1988-91
7.	Matt Sherman	448-776	.577	6,399	43	1994-97
8.	James Vandenberg	507-888	.571	5,786	35	2009-12
9.	C.J. Beathard	454-782	.581	5,562	40	2013-16
10.	Spencer Petras	468-825	.567	5,199	24	2019-22
11.	Jake Rudock	417-691	.604	4,819	34	2012-14
12.	Kyle McCann	357-603	.592	4,349	23	1998-01
13.	Gary Snook	280-631	.443	3,738	20	1963-65
14.	Brad Banks	213-362	.588	3,155	30	2001-02
15.	Larry Lawrence	201-395	.509	2,987	17	1968-69
16.	Jake Christensen	257-468	.549	2,950	21	2006-08
17.	Paul Burmeister	242-419	.578	2,943	16	1990-93
18.	Scott Mullen	229-428	.535	2,625	11	1997-00
19.	Randy Duncan	186-328	.564	2,615	23	1956-58
20.	Ed Podolak	172-398	.432	2,316	8	1966-68
21.	Nathan Chandler	177-327	.541	2,201	19	2002-03
22.	Phil Suess	175-325	.538	2,196	12	1977-80
23.	Jim Hartlieb	181-291	.622	2,064	17	1989-92
24.	Matt Szykowny	155-290	.534	2,038	14	1960-62
25.	Randy Reiners	142-279	.509	2,008	16	1996-99

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INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

RECEIVING (MIN. 1,000 YARDS)

	Name	No.-Yards	Avg	TDs	Years
1.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	170-2,861	16.8	28	2008-11
2.	D. Johnson-Koulianos	173-2,616	15.1	17	2007-10
3.	Tim Dwight	139-2,271	16.3	21	1994-97
4.	Danan Hughes	146-2,216	15.2	21	1989-92
5.	Ronnie Harmon	146-2,045	14.0	10	1982-85
6.	Kevin Kasper	157-1,974	12.6	11	1997-00
7.	Dave Moritz	109-1,912	17.5	9	1980-83
8.	Kahlil Hill	152-1,892	12.4	15	1998-01
9.	Clinton Solomon	118-1,864	15.8	14	2002, 2004-05
10.	Harold Jasper	107-1,863	17.4	8	1991-94
11.	Quinn Early	106-1,845	17.4	13	1984-87
12.	Marv Cook	126-1,825	14.5	6	1986-88
13.	Kevonte Martin-Manley	174-1,799	10.3	12	2011-14
14.	Sam LaPorta	153-1,786	11.7	5	2019-22
15.	Travis Watkins	108-1,765	16.3	10	1986-89
16.	Bill Happel	112-1,685	15.0	10	1982-85
17.	Matt VandeBerg	134-1,686	12.6	10	2013-17
18.	Al Bream	114-1,642	14.4	7	1966-68
19.	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	110-1,615	14.7	14	2017-20
20.	**Nico Ragaini**	**154-1,606**	**10.4**	**5**	**2018-pr.**
21.	Ed Hinkel	135-1,588	11.8	15	2002-05
22.	Maurice Brown	84-1,515	18.0	15	2000-03
23.	Tevaun Smith	102-1,500	14.7	7	2012-15
24.	Karl Noonan	102-1,478	14.5	4	1963-65
25.	Keenan Davis	112-1,470	13.1	7	2009-12
26.	Scott Chandler	117-1,467	12.5	10	2003-06
27.	Robert Smith	69-1,438	20.8	16	1983-86
28.	Andy Brodell	91-1,395	15.3	9	2005-08
29.	Keith Chappelle	86-1,377	16.0	9	1979-80
30.	Kerry Reardon	81-1,361	16.8	11	1968-70
31.	Dallas Clark	81-1,281	15.8	8	2001-02
32.	Bill Schultz	57-1,272	22.3	9	1973-76
33.	Scott Slutzker	95-1,261	13.3	5	1992-95
34.	Alan Cross	96-1,259	13.1	8	1989-92
35.	Mike Flagg	86-1,187	13.8	13	1984-87
36.	Deven Harberts	66-1,170	17.7	8	1987-88
37.	Jon Filloon	80-1,164	14.6	3	1988-91
38.	Scott Helverson	84-1,149	13.7	13	1983-86
39.	Jim Gibbons	69-1,099	15.9	11	1955-57
40.	Noah Fant	78-1,083	13.9	19	2016-18
41.	T.J. Hockenson	73-1,080	14.8	9	2017-18
42.	Barry Crees	66-1,069	16.2	2	1966-68
43.	Brandon Smith	91-1,046	11.5	9	2017-20
44.	Cloyd Webb	61-1,029	16.9	10	1961-63
45.	Nick Easley	103-1,024	9.9	9	2017-18

TOTAL OFFENSE (MIN. 2,500 YARDS)

	Name	Rush	Pass	Yards	Years
1.	Chuck Long	(-207)	10,461	10,254	1981-85
2.	Drew Tate	135	8,292	8,427	2003-06
3.	Nate Stanley	(-104)	8,302	8,198	2016-19
4.	Ricky Stanzi	(-4)	7,377	7,373	2007-10
5.	Matt Rodgers	130	6,725	6,855	1988-81
6.	Chuck Hartlieb	(-364)	6,934	6,570	1986-88
7.	C.J. Beathard	429	5,562	5,991	2013-16
8.	Matt Sherman	(-451)	6,399	5,948	1994-97
9.	James Vandenberg	67	5,786	5,853	2009-12
10.	Jake Rudock	394	4,819	5,213	2012-14
11.	Spencer Petras	(-294)	5,199	4,905	2019-22
12.	Kyle McCann	(-134)	4,349	4,215	1998-01
13.	Sedrick Shaw	4,156	0	4,156	1993-96
14.	Ed Podolak	1,710	2,316	4,026	1966-68
15.	Gary Snook	79	3,738	3,817	1963-65
16.	Brad Banks	574	3,155	3,729	2001-02
17.	Ladell Betts	3,686	23	3,709	1998-01
18.	Larry Lawrence	567	2,987	3,554	1968-69
19.	Jake Christensen	27	2,950	2,977	2006-08
	Tavian Banks	2,977	0	2,977	1994-97
21.	Randy Duncan	104	2,615	2,719	1956-58
22.	Butch Caldwell	1,061	1,651	2,712	1972-76
23.	Scott Mullen	84	2,625	2,709	1997-00
24.	Paul Burmeister	(-265)	2,943	2,678	1991-93
25.	Tony Stewart	2,562	8	2,570	1987-90
26.	Owen Gill	2,556	0	2,556	1981-84

ALL-PURPOSE YARDS (MIN., 2,500 YARDS)

	Name	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	Total	Year
1.	Sedrick Shaw	4,225	438	0	380	5,043	1993-96
2.	Ronnie Harmon	2,271	2,045	7	662	4,985	1982-85
3.	Tim Dwight	322	2,271	1,102	1,195	4,890	1994-97
4.	Ladell Betts	3,686	702	0	9	4,397	1998-01
5.	D. Jn-Koulianos	65	2,616	0	1,575	4,256	2007-10
6.	Tavian Banks	2,977	388	5	785	4,155	1994-97
7.	Albert Young	3,173	703	0	245	4,121	2004-07
8.	Kahlil Hill	9	1,892	556	1,509	3,966	1998-01
9.	Akrum Wadley	2,872	761	0	271	3,904	2014-17
10.	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	274	1,615	0	1,520	3,409	2017-20
11.	Danan Hughes	(-3)	2,216	0	1,161	3,374	1989-92
12.	Tony Stewart	2,562	387	0	399	3,348	1991-94
13.	Harold Jasper	0	1,863	532	938	3,333	1991-94
14.	Levi Mitchell	1,927	459	0	881	3,267	1969-71
15.	Fred Russell	2,760	45	0	337	3,142	2001-03
16.	Owen Gill	2,544	475	0	0	3,019	1981-84
17.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	63	2,861	0	0	2,924	2008-11
18.	Jordan Canzeri	2,073	420	0	258	2,751	2011, 13-15
19.	Dennis Mosley	2,133	339	0	278	2,750	1976-79
20.	Eddie Phillips	2,177	430	13	39	2,659	1980-83

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INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

SCORING (MIN. 100 POINTS)

	Name	Points	TDs-PAT-FG	Years
1.	Nate Kaeding	373	1-166-67	2000-03
2.	Mike Meyer	324	0-141-61	2010-13
3.	Rob Houghtlin	290	0-128-54	1985-87
4.	Tom Nichol	277	0-142-45	1981-84
5.	Kyle Schlicher	260	0-107-51	2004-06
6.	Keith Duncan	252	0-96-52	2016-20
7.	Tavian Banks	218	36-1-0	1994-97
	Zach Bromert	218	0-140-26	1995-98
9.	Sedrick Shaw	214	35-2-0	1993-96
	Jeff Skillett	214	0-112-34	1988-91
11.	Akrum Wadley	210	35-0-0	2014-17
12.	Mark Weisman	198	33-0-0	2011-14
13.	Tim Dwight	192	32-0-0	1994-97
	Ronnie Harmon	192	32-0-0	1982-85
15.	Miguel Recinos	180	0-93-29	2015-18
16.	Marshall Koehn	170	0-86-28	2012-15
17.	David Hudson	166	27-2-0	1985-88
18.	Marvin McNutt, Jr.	168	28-0-0	2008-11
19.	Ladell Betts	162	27-0-0	1998-01
20.	Daniel Murray	158	0-59-33	2007-10
21.	Albert Young	150	25-0-0	2004-07
22.	**Drew Stevens**	**145**	**0-34-43**	**2022-pr.**
23.	Mike Saunders	144	24-0-0	1988-91
	Nick Bell	132	22-0-0	1988-90
	Owen Gill	132	22-0-0	1981-84
26.	Danan Hughes	128	21-1-0	1989-92
27.	Mekhi Sargent	126	21-0-0	2018-20
	George Rice	126	21-0-0	1951-53
29.	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	120	20-0-0	2017-20
	Eddie Phillips	120	20-0-0	1980-83
31.	Jordan Canzeri	119	17-0-0	2011, 13-15
32.	Tyler Goodson	116	19-0-0	2019-22
	LeShun Daniels, Jr.	116	19-1-0	2013-16
34.	D. Johnson-Koulianos	114	19-0-0	2007-10
	Shonn Greene	114	19-0-0	2005-06, 08
	Kahlil Hill	114	19-0-0	1998-01
	Tony Stewart	114	19-0-0	1987-90
38.	Caleb Shudak	109	0-37-24	2018-21
39.	Dennis Mosley	108	18-0-0	1976-79
	Marcus Coker	108	18-0-0	2010-11
41.	Nick Quartaro	106	0-55-17	1974-76
42.	Ed Hinkel	102	17-0-0	2002-05
	Fred Russell	102	17-0-0	2000-03
	Lew Montgomery	102	17-0-0	1989-92
	Robert Smith	102	17-0-0	1983-86
46.	Wilburn Hollis	100	16-2-0	1959-61

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INTERCEPTIONS (MIN. 8)

	Name	No.-Yards	Avg	TDs	Years
1.	Devon Mitchell	18-202	11.2	0	1982-85
	Nile Kinnick	18-91	5.0	0	1937-39
3.	Jovon Johnson	17-183	10.8	1	2002-05
4.	Desmond King	14-231	16.5	3	2013-16
	Damien Robinson	14-196	14.0	0	1993-96
6.	Tyler Sash	13-392	30.2	1	2008-10
7.	Brett Greenwood	12-83	6.9	0	2007-10
	Steve Wilson	12-118	9.8	0	1966-68
9.	Riley Moss	11-239	21.7	3	2018-22
	Plez Atkins	11-153	13.9	2	1994-97
	Brad Quast	11-217	19.7	1	1986-89
12.	Tom Knight	10-237	23.7	3	1993-96
	Merton Hanks	10-78	7.8	0	1987-90
	Kerry Burt	10-46	4.6	0	1984-87
	Lou King	10-90	9.0	0	1978-81
16.	Mike Stoops	9-194	21.6	0	1981-84
	Scott Plate	9-60	6.7	0	1990-93
	Rod Sears	9-166	18.4	1	1975-77
	Craig Clemons	9-23	2.6	0	1969-71
20.	Josh Jackson	8-168	21.0	2	2015-17
	Micah Hyde	8-142	17.8	2	2009-12
	Antwan Allen	8-78	9.8	0	2002-05
	Tarig Holman	8-36	4.5	0	1996-99
	Jason Olejniczak	8-43	5.4	1	1990-93
	Nate Creer	8-60	7.5	0	1982-85
	Bobby Stoops	8-80	10.0	0	1979-82
	Jim Caldwell	8-68	8.5	0	1973-76
	Rick Penney	8-100	12.5	0	1972-75

INDIVIDUAL CAREER BESTS

TACKLES (MIN. 200 TACKLES)

	Name	Total	Solo	Ast	Years
1.	Larry Station	492	308	184	1982-85
2.	Andre Jackson	465	275	190	1972-75
3.	Abdul Hodge	453	289	164	2002-05
4.	Josey Jewell	437	211	226	2014-17
5.	Brad Quast	435	234	201	1986-89
6.	Chad Greenway	416	252	164	2002-05
7.	James Morris	400	180	220	2010-13
8.	Fred Barr	376	217	159	1999-02
9.	Tom Rusk	361	247	114	1975-78
10.	Matt Hughes	354	206	148	1995-98
11.	Bob Sanders	348	235	113	2000-03
12.	Dave Haight	346	213	133	1985-88
13.	Aaron Kampman	342	209	133	1998-01
14.	Melvin Foster	337	155	182	1987-90
15.	Bobby Diaco	334	175	159	1992-95
16.	George Davis	330	216	114	1983-86
17.	Christian Kirksey	315	151	164	2010-13
18.	Mike Wells	313	185	128	1990-93
19.	Jack Campbell	305	140	165	2019-22
20.	Damien Robinson	291	183	108	1993-96
21.	Jason Olejniczak	275	176	99	1990-93
22.	Todd Simonsen	272	152	120	1979-81
23.	Anthony Hitchens	270	125	145	2010-13
	Rick Penney	270	178	92	1972-75
25.	Jeremiha Hunter	269	87	182	2007-10
26.	Pat Dean	266	170	96	1978-81
27.	Rod Barnhart	264	165	99	1967-69
28.	Desmond King	263	174	89	2013-16
29.	John Derby	262	151	111	1988-91
30.	Craig Clemons	261	182	79	1969-71
31.	Jared DeVries	260	164	96	1995-98
32.	Seth Benson	258	127	131	2019-22
33.	Dave Simms	256	147	109	1971-72
34.	Dave Bryant	253	181	72	1972-75
35.	Pat Angerer	248	87	161	2006-09
	Merton Hanks	248	166	82	1987-90
37.	Dan LaFleur	247	152	95	1972-74
38.	Jim Johnson	245	145	100	1987-90
39.	Mel Cole	244	144	100	1978-81
40.	Leven Weiss	240	158	82	1976-79
41.	Micah Hyde	237	153	84	2009-12
	Vernon Rollins	237	128	109	1995-97
43.	Antwan Allen	235	174	61	2002-05
	Kevin Spitzig	235	146	89	1980-84
45.	Bo Bower	234	106	128	2014-17
	Matt Kroul	234	84	150	2005-08
47.	Dave Brooks	232	134	98	1969-70
	John Harty	232	136	96	1977-80
49.	Mark Bortz	231	126	105	1979-82
50.	Bobby Stoops	230	129	101	1979-82
51.	Brett Greenwood	229	117	112	2007-10
	Roger Meyer	229	140	89	1998-01
53.	Mitch King	228	123	105	2005-08
54.	Mike Klinkenborg	224	104	120	2004-07
55.	Tanner Miller	222	118	104	2010-13
	Matt Bowen	222	142	80	1996-99
57.	A.J. Edds	221	72	149	2006-09
	Earl Douthitt	221	148	73	1972-74
59.	Layne McDowell	220	136	84	1968-70
60.	Matt Hilliard	219	126	93	1990-93
61.	Jack Koerner	217	138	79	2018-21
	Tyler Sash	217	109	108	2008-10
63.	Shanty Burks	215	151	64	1973-77
64.	Colin Cole	213	138	75	1999-02
65.	Matt Hankins	212	136	76	2017-pr.
	Jeff Drost	212	137	75	1983-86
67.	Parker Wildeman	211	122	89	1991-94
68.	Eddie Polly	209	120	89	1988-915
	Jim Reilly	209	129	80	1985-88
70.	Ed Miles	207	119	88	2003-06
	Brian Wise	207	136	71	1988-91
72.	Jon LaFleur	206	119	87	1994-97
73.	Leroy Smith	203	141	62	1988-91
74.	Miguel Merrick	202	142	60	2003-06
	Mike Dailey	202	124	78	1990-93
76.	**Jay Higgins**	**201**	**90**	**101**	**2020-pr.**
	Ben Niemann	201	109	92	2014-17
78.	Jordan Lomax	200	98	102	2012-15
	Larry Blue	200	129	71	1989-93
	Mike Dolezal	200	113	87	1998-01

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RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS

KICKOFF RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
100	Charlie Jones vs. Illinois, 11/20/2021
100	C.J. Jones vs. Southern California, 1/2/2003
100	Joe Williams vs. Notre Dame, 11/25/1961
100	George Rice vs. Purdue, 10/6/1951
99	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos at Ohio State, 11/14/2009
99	Norm Granger vs. Indiana, 10/10/1981
99	Bill Reichardt vs. Oregon, 10/29/1949
98	Ihmir Smith-Marsette vs. Southern California, 12/27/2019
97	Dave Schick vs. Northwestern, 11/1/1975
95	Ihmir Smith-Marsette at Nebraska, 11/29/2019
95	Kerry Reardon vs. Northwestern, 11/9/1968
94	Jermelle Lewis vs. Michigan State, 10/12/2002
92	Jordan Cotton vs. Penn State, 10/20/2012
92	Levi Mitchell vs. Washington State, 9/27/1969
92	Henry Vollenweider vs. South Dakota, 9/30/1939
90	Kahlil Hill vs. Michigan State, 10/7/2000
88	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos at Minnesota, 11/27/2010
88	Kahlil Hill vs. Central Michigan, 9/5/1998
88	Dick Hoerner vs. Michigan, 11/28/1942
77	Bill Burkett vs. Nebraska, 11/9/1940
43	Ernest Crank vs. Northwestern, 11/14/1992

PUNT RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
95	Bill Happel vs. Minnesota, 11/17/1984
94	Bob Longley vs. Oregon, 10/29/1949
92	Tim Dwight vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997
90	Jovon Johnson vs. Ball State, 9/3/2005
89	Peter Marciano vs. Minnesota, 11/22/1986
86	Tim Dwight vs. Ohio State, 10/26/1996
83	Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. W. Michigan, 9/21/2013
83	Walner Belleus at Arizona State, 9/18/2004
83	Tim Dwight vs. Penn State, 10/19/1996
82	Paul Krause vs. Michigan, 11/17/1962
81	Andy Brodell vs. Iowa State, 9/13/2008
80	Gerald Mauren vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/1959
76	Earl Smith vs. Ohio State, 10/16/1954
72	Willie Fleming vs. Michigan, 11/1/1958
70	**Cooper DeJean vs. Michigan State, 9/30/23**
68	Harold Jasper vs. Oregon, 9/24/1994
67	Tony Collins vs. Illinois, 9/27/1997
65	C.J. Jones vs. Michigan, 10/27/2001
64	Karl Noonan vs. Oregon State, 9/25/1965
63	Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. W. Michigan, 9/21/2013
62	Kahlil Hill vs. Central Michigan, 9/5/1998
61	Kyle Groeneweg at Illinois, 11/17/2018
61	Tim Dwight vs. Michigan, 10/18/1997
58	Ed Hinkel vs. Northwestern, 11/2/2002
57	Kahlil Hill vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
55	Riley McCarron at Illinois, 11/19/2016
55	Robert Smith vs. Purdue, 10/15/1983
54	Charlie Jones vs. Michigan State, 11/7/2020
44	Tim Dwight vs. Minnesota, 11/22/1997
14	**Kyler Fisher vs. Nebraska, 11/20/2021**

RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS

INTERCEPTION RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
98	Tanner Miller vs. Northwestern, 10/15/2011
98	Adam Shada vs. Purdue, 10/7/2006
94	Brad Quast vs. Kansas State, 9/10/1988
94	Bobby Stearns vs. Montana, 10/2/1954
90	Rod Sears vs. Purdue, 10/22/1977
89	Brandon Snyder vs. Illinois, 10/7/2017
89	Shaun Prater vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/3/2011
88	Desmond King vs. Maryland, 10/31/2015
88	Bo Bower vs. North Texas, 9/26/2015
86	Tyler Sash vs. Indiana, 10/31/2009
85	Dick Gibbs vs. Indiana, 10/30/1965
81	Brian Wise vs. Kansas State, 9/10/1988
72	Micah Hyde vs. Missouri, 12/28/2010
71	Daviyon Nixon at Penn State, 11/21/20
70	Matt Bowen vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997
68	Christian Kirksey vs. Minnesota, 9/29/2012
66	Micah Hyde vs. Michigan State, 10/30/2010
62	Derek Pagel vs. Michigan State, 10/12/2002
60	J.P. Lange vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997
60	Tom Knight vs. Indiana, 10/14/1995
57	Amari Spievey at Minnesota, 11/22/2008
57	Tom Knight vs. Indiana, 10/12/1996
55	Riley Moss vs. Indiana, 9/4/2021
54	Riley Moss vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20
52	**Xavier Nwankpa vs. Kentucky, 12/31/2022**
52	Josh Jackson at Wisconsin, 11/11/2017
47	Joe Slattery vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
47	Jovon Johnson vs. Northern Iowa, 9/17/2005
47	Chad Greenway vs. Kent State, 9/04/2004
47	Chris Smith vs. Miami, OH, 9/08/2001
45	**Cooper DeJean at Rutgers, 9/24/2022**
43	Josh Jackson at Wisconsin, 11/11/2017
41	Desmond King at Purdue, 10/15/2016
35	Desmond King vs. Indiana, 10/11/2014
35	B.J. Lowery vs. Western Michigan, 9/21/2013
34	Josey Jewell vs. North Texas, 9/26/2015
34	Jason Olejniczak vs. Wisconsin, 10/13/1990
33	Shaun Prater vs. Penn State, 10/2/2010
32	**Cooper DeJean vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/2022**
32	Jack Campbell vs. Illinois, 11/20/2021
31	Plez Atkins vs. Northern Iowa, 9/09/1995
30	**Sebastian Castro at Iowa State, 9/9/2023**
30	Riley Moss vs. Indiana, 9/4/2021
30	Amani Hooker vs. Ohio State, 11/4/2017
28	Tom Knight at Northwestern, 11/11/1995
25	Nick Niemann vs. Southern California, 12/27/2019
24	Geno Stone at Penn State, 10/27/2018
23	Plez Atkins vs. New Mexico State, 9/30/1995
20	Broderick Binns at Arizona, 9/18/2010
18	Christian Kirksey at Indiana, 11/03/2012
17	John Lowdermilk vs. Nebraska, 11/28/2014
14	**Cooper DeJean vs. Kentucky, 12/31/2022**
13	B.J. Lowery vs. Western Michigan, 9/21/2013
4	Parker Hesse at Nebraska, 11/27/2015

FUMBLE RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
84	Dayton Perry vs. Purdue, 10/22/1960
72	Kevin Worthy vs. Akron, 8/31/2002
52	Christian Kirksey vs. Northern Illinois, 8/31/2013
51	Kerry Cooks vs. Iowa State, 9/10/1994
30	Kaevon Merriweather at Rutgers, 9/24/2022
19	A.J. Epenesa at Illinois, 11/17/2018
11	**Joe Evans at Ohio State, 10/22/2022**
9	Micah Hyde vs. Purdue, 11/10/2012
6	Jack Campbell vs. Iowa State, 9/11/2021

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL RETURNS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
87	LeVar Woods vs. Northern Illinois, 9/18/1999
85	Antwan Allen vs. Purdue, 10/05/2002

BLOCKED PAT RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
99	D.J. Johnson vs. Penn State, 9/28/2002

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IOWA'S LONGEST PLAYS

RUN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
96	Eddie Vincent vs. Purdue, 11/6/1954
92	Royce Mix vs. Illinois, 11/25/1972
91	Larry Ferguson vs. Ohio State, 11/12/1960
89	Tavian Banks vs. Iowa State, 9/14/1996
87	Rick Bayless vs. Northern Illinois, 9/20/1986
87	Ed Podolak vs. Northwestern, 10/22/1966
86	Ronnie Harmon vs. Iowa State, 9/8/1984
85	Larry Ferguson vs. Oregon State, 9/24/1960
82	**Leshon Williams at Wisconsin, 10/14/2023**
82	Tavian Banks vs. Iowa State, 9/20/1997
82	Tom Smith vs. Washington State, 9/27/1969
81	Bob Jeter vs. California, 1/1/1959
80	Tyler Goodson vs. Wisconsin, 12/12/20
80	Sedrick Shaw vs. Central Michigan, 9/3/1994
80	Eddie Phillips vs. Minnesota, 11/19/1983
80	Brad Reid vs. Wisconsin, 11/18/1978
78	Butch Caldwell vs. Michigan State, 11/24/1973
78	James Hatch vs. Illinois, 11/8/1952
77	Dennis Mosley vs. Iowa State, 9/17/1977
76	Jim Jensen vs. Indiana, 10/18/1975
75	**Kaleb Johnson at Purdue, 11/5/2022**
75	Akrum Wadley vs. Nebraska, 11/25/2016
75	Akrum Wadley at Purdue, 10/15/2016
75	Jordan Canzeri vs. Illinois, 10/10/2015
75	Adam Robinson vs. Iowa State, 9/11/2010
75	Shonn Greene vs. Purdue, 11/15/2008

PASS

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
95	Banks to Clark vs. Purdue, 10/5/2002
95	Hartlieb to Early vs. Northwestern, 11/7/1987
93	Vlasic to Early vs. Northwestern, 10/25/1986
92	Stanzi to McNutt, Jr., vs. Indiana, 10/31/2009
89	Long to Smith vs. Northwestern, 10/26/1985
88	Vandenberg to McNutt, Jr., vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/3/2011
87	Snook to Nourse vs. Minnesota, 11/7/1964
86	Grogan to Smith vs. Northwestern, 10/8/1983
85	Beathard to T. Smith vs. Michigan State, 12/05/2015
85	Rudock to Duzey at Ohio State, 10/19/2013
82	Beathard to T. Smith vs. North Texas, 9/26/2015
80	Sunderman to Triplett vs. Wisconsin, 10/30/1971
80	Szykowny to Ferguson vs. Wisconsin, 10/20/1962
80	Duncan to Sessi vs. Utah State, 9/28/1957
80	Vandenberg to McNutt, Jr., vs. Indiana, 10/22/2011
78	Tate to Solomon at Purdue, 10/8/2005
78	Caldwell to Schultz vs. Ohio State, 11/17/1973
78	Lawrence to Reardon vs. Arizona, 10/4/1969
77	Beathard to McCarron vs. Nebraska, 11/25/2016
77	Long to Harmon vs. Penn State, 9/17/1983
77	Farmer to Mertes to Couppee vs. Minnesota, 11/15/1941
76	Riddle to Krause vs. Indiana, 10/12/1963
76	Dobrino to Smith vs. Notre Dame, 11/20/1954
75	Nate Stanley to Tyrone Tracy, Jr. at Wisconsin, 11/9/2019
75	Nate Stanley to Nick Easley vs. Mississippi State, 1/1/2019
75	McCann to Hill vs. Indiana, 10/20/2001
75	Mullen to Hill vs. Western Michigan, 9/16/2000
75	Suess to Mosley vs. Wisconsin, 10/27/1979

KICKOFF RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
100	Charlie Jones vs. Illinois, 11/20/2021
100	C.J. Jones vs. Southern California, 1/2/2003
100	Joe Williams vs. Notre Dame, 11/25/1961
100	George Rice vs. Purdue, 10/6/1951
99	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos at Ohio State, 11/14/2009
99	Norm Granger vs. Indiana, 10/10/1981
99	Bill Reichardt vs. Oregon, 10/29/1949
98	Ihmire Smith-Marsette vs. Southern California, 12/27/2019
97	Dave Schick vs. Northwestern, 11/1/1975
96	Jordan Cotton vs. LSU, 1/01/2014
95	Ihmir Smith-Marsette at Nebraska, 11/29/2019
95	Kerry Reardon vs. Northwestern, 11/9/1968
94	Jermelle Lewis vs. Michigan State, 10/12/2002
92	Jordan Cotton vs. Penn State, 10/20/2012
92	Levi Mitchell vs. Washington State, 9/27/1969
92	Henry Vollenweider vs. South Dakota, 9/30/1939
90	Kahlil Hill vs. Michigan State, 10/7/2000
88	Derrell Johnson-Koulianos at Minnesota, 11/27/2010
88	Kahlil Hill vs. Central Michigan, 9/5/1998
88	Dick Hoerner vs. Michigan, 11/28/1942
86	Tim Dodge at Michigan State, 10/2/1999
77	Desmond King vs. Wisconsin, 10/22/2016
77	Bill Burkett vs. Nebraska, 11/9/1940
76	Kahlil Hill vs. Penn State, 9/29/2001
75	Ricchard Carter vs. Iowa State, 9/14/1996
74	Ihmir Smith-Marsette at Nebraska, 11/24/17
72	Akrum Wadley vs. Boston College, 12/27/17

IOWA'S LONGEST PLAYS

PUNT RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
95	Bill Happel at Minnesota, 11/17/1984
94	Bob Longley vs. Oregon, 10/29/1949
92	Tim Dwight vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997
90	Jovon Johnson vs. Ball State, 9/3/2005
89	Peter Marciano vs. Minnesota, 11/22/1986
86	Tim Dwight vs. Ohio State, 10/26/1996
83	Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. W. Michigan, 9/21/2013
83	Walner Belleus at Arizona State, 9/18/2004
83	Tim Dwight vs. Penn State, 10/19/1996
82	Paul Krause vs. Michigan, 11/17/1962
81	Andy Brodell vs. Iowa State, 9/13/2008
80	Gerald Mauren vs. Notre Dame, 11/21/1959
76	Earl Smith vs. Ohio State, 10/16/1954
72	Willie Fleming vs. Michigan, 11/1/1958
70	Ramon Ochoa vs. Buffalo, 9/6/2003
70	**Cooper DeJean vs. Michigan State, 9/30/2023**
68	Harold Jasper vs. Oregon, 9/24/1994
67	Tony Collins vs. Illinois, 9/27/1997
65	C.J. Jones vs. Michigan, 10/27/2001
64	Karl Noonan vs. Oregon State, 9/25/1965
63	Kevonte Martin-Manley vs. W. Michigan, 9/21/2013
62	Kahlil Hill vs. Central Michigan, 9/5/1998
61	Kyle Groeneweg vs. Illinois, 11/17/2018
61	Tim Dwight vs. Michigan, 10/18/1997
58	Ed Hinkel vs. Northwestern, 11/2/2002
57	Kahlil Hill vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
56	Andy Brodell vs. Northern Illinois, 9/1/2007
55	Riley McCarron at Illinois, 11/19/2016
55	Robert Smith vs. Purdue, 10/15/1983
54	Charlie Jones vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20
54	Ed Hinkel vs. Penn State, 9/28/2002
51	C.J. Jones vs. Kent State, 9/1/2001
49	Ed Hinkel at Arizona State 9/18/2004
48	Kahlil Hill vs. Northwestern, 11/10/2001
44	Desmond King vs. Nebraska, 11/25/2016
44	Tim Dwight vs. Minnesota, 11/22/1997
42	Paki O'Meara vs. Eastern Illinois, 9/04/2010
41	**Cooper DeJean vs. Wisconsin, 11/12/2022**
41	Charlie Jones vs. Purdue, 10/16/2021

INTERCEPTION RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
98	Adam Shada vs. Purdue, 10/7/2006
98	Tanner Miller vs. Northwestern, 10/15/2011
94	Brad Quast at Kansas State, 9/10/1988
94	Bobby Stearns vs. Montana, 10/2/1954
90	Rod Sears vs. Purdue, 10/22/1977
89	Brandon Snyder vs. Illinois, 10/7/2017
89	Shaun Prater vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/3/2011
88	Desmond King vs. Maryland, 10/31/2015
88	Bo Bower vs. North Texas, 9/26/2015
86	Tyler Sash vs. Indiana, 10/31/2009
85	Dick Gibbs vs. Indiana, 10/30/1965
81	Brian Wise vs. Kansas State, 9/10/1988
72	Micah Hyde vs. Missouri, 12/28/2010
71	Daviyon Nixon at Penn State, 11/21/20
71	John Lowdermilk vs. LSU, 1/01/2014
70	Matt Bowen vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997
68	Christian Kirksey vs. Minnesota, 9/29/2012
66	Micah Hyde vs. Michigan State, 10/30/2010
62	Derek Pagel vs. Michigan State, 10/12/2002
60	J.P. Lange vs. Indiana, 10/25/1997
60	Tom Knight vs. Indiana, 10/14/1995
58	Tyler Sash at Minnesota, 11/22/2008
57	Amari Spievey at Minnesota, 11/22/2008
57	Tom Knight vs. Indiana, 10/12/1996
55	Riley Moss vs. Indiana, 9/4/2021
54	Riley Moss vs. Michigan State, 11/7/20
52	**Xavier Nwankpa vs. Kentucky, 12/31/2022**
52	Josh Jackson at Wisconsin, 11/11/17
52	James Morris vs. Tennessee Tech, 9/3/2011
51	Sean Considine at Penn State 10/23/2004
49	James Morris vs. Iowa State, 9/08/2012
48	Tyler Sash vs. South Carolina, 1/1/2009
47	Joe Slattery vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
45	**Cooper DeJean at Rutgers, 9/24/2022**
45	Tyler Sash vs. South Carolina, 1/1/2009
43	Josh Jackson at Wisconsin, 11/11/17

FUMBLE RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
84	Dayton Perry vs. Purdue, 10/22/1960
72	Kevin Worthy vs. Akron, 8/31/2002
52	Christian Kirksey vs. Northern Illinois, 8/31/2013
51	Kerry Cooks vs. Iowa State, 9/10/1994
47	Abdul Hodge vs. Penn State, 10/25/2003
45	Christian Kirksey vs. Penn State, 10/20/2012
30	Kaevon Merriweather at Rutgers, 9/24/2022

BLOCKED FIELD GOAL RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
87	LeVar Woods vs. Northern Illinois, 9/18/1999
85	Antwan Allen vs. Purdue, 10/05/2002

BLOCKED PAT RETURN

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
99	D.J. Johnson vs. Penn State, 9/28/2002

IOWA'S LONGEST PLAYS

FIELD GOAL

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
58	Tim Douglas vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
57	Marshall Koehn vs. Pittsburgh, 9/19/2015
56	Tom Nichol vs. Michigan, 10/22/1983
55	Nate Kaeding vs. Minnesota, 11/15/2003
55	Nate Kaeding vs. Penn State, 9/28/2002
55	Rob Houghtlin vs. Iowa State, 9/19/1987
54	**Drew Stevens vs. Northwestern, 10/29/2022**
54	Brion Hurley vs. Iowa State, 9/14/1996
53	**Drew Stevens vs. Northwestern, 11/4/2023**
53	**Drew Stevens vs. Michigan State, 9/30/2023**
53	Todd Romano vs. Tulsa, 9/4/1993
52	Marshall Koehn vs. Pittsburgh, 9/21/2014
52	Rob Houghtlin vs. UCLA, 1/1/1986
51	**Drew Stevens at Rutgers, 9/24/2022**
51	Caleb Shudak vs. Nebraska, 11/26/2021
51	Caleb Shudak vs. Illinois, 11/20/2021
51	Caleb Shudak vs. Iowa State, 9/11/2021
51	Nate Kaeding vs. Purdue, 10/05/2002
51	Nate Kaeding vs. Utah State, 9/21/2002
51	Tim Douglas vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
51	Tim Douglas vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
51	Brion Hurley vs. Michigan State, 10/5/1996
51	Dave Holsclaw vs. Michigan State, 11/19/1977
50	Mike Meyer vs. Northern Illinois, 9/01/2012
50	Mike Meyer vs. Iowa State, 9/10/2011
50	Nate Kaeding at Wisconsin, 11/22/2003
50	Brion Hurley vs. Minnesota, 11/23/1996
50	Brion Hurley vs. Washington, 12/29/1995
50	Brion Hurley vs. Wisconsin, 11/18/1995
50	Brion Hurley vs. Michigan State, 10/7/1995
50	Rob Houghtlin vs. Northern Illinois, 9/21/1985

PUNT

Yards	Player, Opponent, Date
83	Lonnie Rogers vs. Oregon State, 9/26/1962
82	Ryan Donahue vs. Michigan State, 10/27/2007
79	Jason Baker vs. Illinois, 9/26/1998
79	Joe Heppner vs. Wisconsin, 11/10/1973
76	Ryan Donahue vs. Northwestern, 11/3/2007
76	Jason Baker vs. Arizona State, 12/31/1997
75	David Bradley vs. Minnesota, 11/15/2003
75	Nick Gallery vs. Indiana, 10/14/1995
74	Jason Baker vs. Illinois, 10/14/2000
73	Ryan Donahue at Northwestern, 11/13/2010
73	Ryan Donahue vs. Northwestern, 11/07/2009
73	Nick Gallery vs. Ohio State, 10/26/1996
73	Nile Kinnick vs. Indiana, 10/7/1939
71	Ryan Donahue vs. Wisconsin, 10/23/2010
70	**Tory Taylor at Purdue, 11/5/2022**
70	Nick Gallery vs. Purdue, 10/30/1993
70	Gary Kostrubala vs. Michigan State, 10/5/1985
69	**Tory Taylor vs. Maryland, 10/1/2021**
69	Colten Rastetter vs. Northern Illinois, 9/1/2018
69	Jason Baker vs. Iowa State, 9/16/2000
69	Nick Gallery vs. Indiana, 10/12/1996
69	Reggie Roby vs. Purdue, 11/7/1981
69	Dan Matter vs. Illinois, 9/11/1976
68	Ryan Donahue at Purdue, 10/20/2007
67	**Tory Taylor vs. Michigan, 12/2/23**
63	**Tory Taylor vs. Iowa State, 9/10/2022**
63	Michael Sleep-Dalton vs. Purdue, 10/19/2019
62	**Tory Taylor at Penn State, 9/23/2023**
62	**Tory Taylor at Wisconsin, 10/14/2023**
62	**Tory Taylor vs. Nevada, 9/17/2022**
61	**Tory Taylor vs. Purdue, 10/7/2023**
61	**Tory Taylor vs. Colorado State, 9/25/2021**
61	**Tory Taylor vs. Wisconsin, 10/30/2020**
61	**Tory Taylor vs. Michigan State, 11/7/2020**
61	Ryan Gersonde at Northwestern, 10/21/2017
60	**Tory Taylor vs. Michigan State, 9/30/2023**
60	**Tory Taylor vs. Kent State, 9/18/2021**

NOTE: Players listed in boldface are current players.

TEAM GAME BESTS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	Opponent	Att-Yds	TD	Date
1.	Minnesota	47-517	7	11-19-1983
2.	Washington State	65-464	6	9-27-1969
3.	Cincinnati	67-455	9	9-15-1990
4.	Wisconsin	69-439	5	11-8-1975
5.	Northwestern	49-431	6	11-9-1968
6.	California	55-429	5	1-1-1959
7.	Notre Dame	45-409	6	11-24-1956
8.	Tulsa	51-408	4	9-13-1997
9.	Michigan State	63-397	3	11-21-1981
10.	Washington State	51-396	7	10-3-1953

PASSING OFFENSE

	Opponent	Co-Att	Yds	TD	Date
1.	Northwestern	32-44	584	7	11-7-1987
2.	Northwestern	28-43	575	5	10-8-1983
3.	Indiana	44-62	558	3	10-29-1988
4.	Texas	30-40	469	6	12-26-1984
5.	Purdue	20-29	438	4	10-13-1984
6.	N.C. State	30-51	428	3	12-31-1988
7.	Indiana	36-61	426	0	10-23-1999
8.	Indiana	25-39	409	3	10-29-1983
9.	Northwestern	19-26	399	6	10-26-1985
10.	Pittsburgh	31-48	399	3	9-17-2011

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Opponent	Rush-Pass	Total	Date
1.	Northwestern	138-575	713	10-8-1983
2.	Washington State	464-232	696	9-27-1969
3.	Northwestern	90-584	674	11-7-1987
4.	Cincinnati	455-207	662	9-15-1990
5.	Northern Iowa	379-279	658	9-6-1997
	Indiana	249-409	658	10-29-1983
7.	Minnesota	517-139	656	11-19-1983
8.	Utah State	320-328	648	9-28-1957
9.	Middle Tennessee	351-293	644	9-28-2019
10.	Northwestern	431-208	639	11-9-1968
11.	Tulsa	408-217	625	9-13-199

SCORING OFFENSE

	Opponent	Score	Date
1.	Northern Iowa	95-0	10-3-1914
2.	Coe	92-0	10-10-1908
3.	Iowa Wesleyan	91-0	11-1-1890
4.	Cornell	88-0	10-1-1904
5.	Northwestern	78-6	10-29-1913
6.	Cornell	76-0	10-15-1913
7.	Des Moines	72-0	11-11-1905
8.	Utah State	70-14	9-28-1957
9.	Texas El Paso	69-7	9-27-1986
	Grinnell	69-0	11-12-1904

RUSHING DEFENSE

	Opponent	Att-Yds	TD	Date
1.	Purdue	17-(-73)	0	11-18-1989
2.	Drake	27-(-36)	0	9-14-1985
3.	Texas El Paso	29-(-30)	0	9-27-1986
	Indiana	28-(-30)	0	10-12-1957
5.	Purdue	21-(-22)	1	11-17-1990
6.	Kansas State	31-(-21)	0	9-29-1951
7.	Wisconsin	20-(-18)	1	11-18-1995
8.	Kent State	19-(-13)	0	9-4-2004
	Indiana	27-(-13)	0	11-7-1992
10.	Iowa State	30-(-11)	0	9-6-1997
	Iowa State	30-(-11)	0	9-13-1986

PASSING DEFENSE

	Opponent	Co-Att	Yds	Int	Date
1.	Notre Dame	1-8	(7)	3	10-23-1948
2.	Minnesota	0-4	0	0	10-21-1972
	Purdue	0-3	0	1	10-26-1968
	Ohio State	0-3	0	0	11-12-1955
	Kansas State	0-8	0	2	9-24-1955
	Nebraska	2-6	0	2	11-24-1945
	Wisconsin	0-5	0	1	11-3-1945
	Notre Dame	0-1	0	0	10-27-1945
	Great Lakes	0-4	0	0	10-3-1942
	Michigan	0-4	0	0	10-4-1941

TOTAL DEFENSE

	Opponent	Rush-Pass	Total	Date
1.	Northwestern	19-30	49	10-6-1984
2.	Kansas State	67-0	67	9-24-1955
3.	Kansas State	(-21)-89	68	9-29-1951
4.	Cincinnati	23-46	69	9-15-1990
5.	N. Dakota St.	40-36	76	9-21-1946
6.	Northwestern	6-72	78	10-3-1981
	Hawaii	67-11	78	10-20-1956
8.	Wisconsin	36-46	82	10-12-1991
9.	Kansas State	11-70	81	10-31-1959
	Minnesota	59-22	81	11-14-1953

SCORING DEFENSE

0, on 58 occasions (last vs. Rutgers, 11/11/2023)

TEAM SEASON BESTS

RUSHING OFFENSE

	Year	G	Att-Yards	TDs	Avg/G
1.	1960	9	439-2,284	29	253.8
2.	1968	10	530-2,528	32	252.8
3.	1957	9	453-2,170	27	241.1
4.	1959	9	440-2,151	24	239.0
5.	1953	9	456-2,147	21	238.6
6.	1954	9	442-2,083	25	231.4
7.	1990	12	577-2,699	38	224.9
8.	1994	11	474-2,431	26	221.0
9.	1975	11	559-2,406	18	218.7
10.	1997	12	552-2,604	25	217.0

RUSHING DEFENSE

	Year	G	Att-Yards	TDs	Avg/G
1.	1981	12	421-956	7	79.7
2.	2002	13	416-1065	17	81.9
3.	2004	12	392-1,110	8	92.5
4.	2003	13	480-1,205	10	92.7
5.	2008	12	383-1,179	7	98.2
6.	1984	13	474-1,308	7	100.6
7.	2010	13	407-1,320	13	101.5
8.	1986	12	461-1,246	9	103.8
9.	2022	12	433-1,249	4	104.1
10.	2020	8	303-861	8	107.6

PASSING OFFENSE

	Year	G	Co-Att	Yards	Avg/G
1.	1985	12	276-420	3,611	300.9
2.	1987	13	276-448	3,796	292.0
3.	1988	13	290-470	3,752	288.6
4.	1983	12	194-346	3,239	269.9
5.	2005	12	245-404	3,093	257.8
6.	2004	12	239-385	2,881	240.1
7.	2006	13	248-423	3,118	239.8
8.	2014	13	265-437	3,081	237.0
9.	1964	9	154-321	2,125	236.1
10.	1984	13	226-348	3,053	234.8
	2011	13	240-412	3,052	234.8

PASSING DEFENSE

	Year	G	Co-Att	Yards	Avg/G
1.	1973	11	48-107	716	65.1
2.	1946	9	47-106	490	65.5
3.	1974	11	50-130	723	65.7
4.	1947	9	54-135	626	69.6
5.	1948	9	44-115	780	86.7
6.	1972	11	78-172	989	89.9
7.	1960	9	71-149	827	91.9
8.	1961	9	59-154	858	95.3
9.	1956	10	74-153	913	101.4
10.	1976	11	90-204	1,151	104.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Year	G	Rush-Pass	Total	Avg/G
1.	1983	12	2,408-3,239	5,647	470.6
2.	1985	12	1,896-3,611	5,507	458.9
3.	1968	10	2,528-1,876	4,404	440.4
4.	2005	12	2,096-3,093	5,189	432.4
5.	1990	12	2,699-2,456	5,155	429.6
	1987	13	1,789-3,796	5,585	429.6
7.	2002	13	2,784-2,734	5,518	424.5
8.	1969	10	2,155-2,088	4,243	424.3
9.	1988	13	1,741-3,752	5,493	422.5
10.	1995	12	2,398-2,613	5,011	417.6

TOTAL DEFENSE

	Year	G	Rush-Pass	Total	Avg/G
1.	1946	9	1,217-590	1,806	200.7
2.	1957	9	1,014-967	1,981	220.1
3.	1956	10	1,285-783	2,068	229.8
4.	1981	12	956-1,834	2,790	232.5
5.	1959	9	1,037-1,098	2,135	237.2
6.	1953	9	1,050-1,208	2,528	250.9
7.	1960	9	1,492-827	2,319	257.7
8.	1950	9	1,242-1,107	2,349	261.0
9.	1961	9	1,493-858	2,351	261.2
10.	1962	9	1,308-1,057	2,365	262.8

SCORING OFFENSE (SINCE 1940)

	Year	G	Pts	Avg/G
1.	2002	13	484	37.2
2.	1985	12	440	36.7
3.	1990	12	427	35.6
4.	1997	12	411	34.3
5.	2001	12	391	32.6
	1986	12	391	32.6
7.	1968	10	322	32.2
8.	2020	8	254	31.8
9.	1983	12	380	31.7
10.	2018	13	405	31.2

SCORING DEFENSE (SINCE 1940)

	Year	G	Pts	Avg/G
1.	1956	10	84	8.4
2.	1953	9	91	10.1
3.	1946	9	92	10.2
4.	1959	9	100	11.1
5.	1960	9	108	12.0
6.	1940	8	98	12.3
	1941	8	99	12.3
8.	1957	9	112	12.4
9.	2008	13	169	13.0
	1981	12	157	13.0

IOWA FOOTBALL

PRESS CLIPPINGS

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IOWA CITY — There's irony in the fact that you can learn something about one of Iowa's most durable football players this season when he wasn't healthy.

This was back when Leshon Williams was at Richards High School in Oak Lawn, Illinois. During Williams' senior season, he suffered an Achilles injury that kept him out for a chunk of games. But that didn't keep him from staying engaged with the team during that stretch.

"When he got hurt, he didn't disappear, I guess would be the way to say it," said Jeff Kortz, who was Williams' running backs coach at Richards. "Because sometimes guys get hurt and it's like, well, OK, I'm not playing this week, and guys want to disappear on you. He was never that guy."

Said Williams: "Just me knowing I was a leader on the team. I liked football. These dudes that I went to practice with every day, so it was just like my friends. It was nothing just to go out there and watch. And I was getting some type of fulfillment just from watching my teammates go out there and play."

Williams' handling of that injury is emblematic of how he's responded to challenges while at Iowa, this season included. The Hawkeyes' offense has been wrecked by major injuries to Cade McNamara, Erick All and Luke Lachey. Not to mention that Iowa running backs Kaleb Johnson and Jaziun Patterson have missed time, as well.

But Williams?

He has played in all 12 games. Entering Saturday's Big Ten Championship Game against Michigan (7:15 p.m., FOX), he leads Iowa in rushing attempts (155) and rushing yards (779) and is tied for sixth in receptions (11).

Simply put, Williams has been one of the season's pleasant surprises.

But that doesn't happen if Williams doesn't show resilience.

"When you're competing at this level, not every day is going to go the way you want, not every play is going to go the way you want," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "So if you can't deal with that, it's gonna be tough to have a good career. Certainly, Leshon has done that."

A 3-star recruit in the 2020 recruiting class, Williams was enticed by Iowa with the things you'd expect: tradition, playing in the Big Ten and still being relatively close to home. But also contributing to the decision was the fact that Sebastian Castro, who had been a grade ahead of Williams at Richards, went on to play for the Hawkeyes. Even when Williams was still in high school, Ferentz got a glimpse of what Williams brought to the table.

"I remember visiting his school — he was already committed to us," Ferentz said of Williams. "Just sitting down and talking to him for a little bit. He made some comments that made me feel really good about just things that he was cognizant of and aware of, just in terms of his performance, nutrition, the way he trained, all those kind of things. It's really good when you recruit guys that like football, first and foremost. And then also, are working at it on the field and off the field, and Leshon struck us as that kind of guy."

Early on in his Iowa career, Williams was buried below Tyler Goodson on the depth chart. Then in 2022, Williams began the season as Iowa's starting running back. But he dealt with personal matters, missing Iowa's game against Nevada after the death of his father. Freshman Kaleb Johnson also burst onto the scene and gained traction as Iowa's featured running back.

That led to an offseason in which Williams was overshadowed by Johnson. But Ferentz hinted at Williams' value in August, saying, "Leshon is practicing about as good as I've seen him ever right now."

But that wasn't evident early in the season. He had just seven rushing attempts in Iowa's first two games combined, the latter of which he recorded just one carry. In between that one-carry game against Iowa State and a matchup with Western Michigan, Iowa running backs coach Ladell Betts spoke with Williams.

"He said, sometimes it can be like that," Williams recalls of Betts' message. "Don't let it get to you. Just stay in the game and you never know, stay ready. When your opportunity comes, just be ready."

He was ready that very next game against Western Michigan, rushing for 145 yards in the absence of Johnson.

Then against Michigan State two games later, Williams made an egregious mistake. During the second half, he fumbled the ball, Michigan State recovered and took it for a go-ahead touchdown. If it had not been for Cooper DeJean's heroic punt return touchdown later, Williams' blunder could've cost Iowa the game.

Following a practice that next week, Ferentz pulled Williams to the side.

"He was telling me that I was better than what I was putting out there," Williams said of Ferentz's message. "So after that game, and after talking to him, that kinda motivated me to do better."

Since then, Williams has rushed for more than 70 yards in four of the last seven games, two of which exceeded the century mark. His explosion for an 82-yard touchdown against Wisconsin was crucial. In Iowa's final game of the regular season, his 22-yard run with less than one minute remaining helped set up Marshall Meeder's game-winning field goal.

"I always felt like I was capable of doing what I can do every time I step on the field," Williams said. "I just needed the opportunity and (to) stay healthy. But I could say, as the games keep going, as the season keeps going longer and more I keep playing, it feels like it keeps getting easier and better."

There is another layer to Williams. His sense of humor is revealed during meetings with the media.

After Iowa's game against Western Michigan, Williams probably overestimated reporters' physical capabilities in an effort to praise the offensive line: "Any of y'all could've ran through those holes."

After the win over Nebraska, he was asked a question about Iowa's game against Northwestern earlier this season and said: "I barely remember that game. I ain't gonna lie to you."

Speaking about Meeder, who hadn't attempted a kick this season before his game-winner, Williams said: "I got faith in him, too. I got faith in every one of my teammates. It could've been the ball boy. At the end of the day, they're a Hawkeye."

Kortz, Williams' high school running backs coach, said: "I get a kick of watching his interviews now. Because his interviews are funny to me because those are the same things — if he was sitting at the table right now eating dinner with us or having lunch with us here at the house — (it's) the same things he would say."

Asked about that side of his personality, Williams said: "I can be funny to some people. It depends. You gotta be one of the people that I be with on a normal basis. So it just depends. I ain't no comedian or nothing. But I mean, the people that I hang out with, they probably think I'm funny. But it's just me. I don't know. I don't force it."

Iowa (10-2) is a heavy underdog against a Michigan team that is 12-0 this season and has national championship aspirations. For the Hawkeyes to pull off a major upset, Williams breaking free for one or more explosive runs would certainly help. The intangibles, such as perseverance, will also likely be key.

Much like Iowa's season as a whole, Williams is a testament to that.

"Ever since that bad play (against Michigan State), he's done nothing but play really, really well," Ferentz said. "He's playing his best football of his career. And that's what we hope all of our guys do."

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — The moment of realization first hit the sidelines, then echoed throughout Kinnick Stadium with 35 seconds left.

Iowa's players huddled around Brian Ferentz as a delay of game penalty was issued by the officiating crew. Players scuffed up the departing offensive coordinator's hair, then coach Kirk Ferentz stepped in. The father and son shared a handshake, then a prolonged hug.

After quarterback Deacon Hill knelt following the final snap to close out a 15-13 win against Illinois, left tackle Mason Richman doused Brian Ferentz with a jug of Powerade and guard Rusty Feth launched it 15 yards away. In the tunnel to the locker room, the much-maligned assistant embraced several players, including quarterback Cade McNamara and tight end Erick All, who are out for the season with injuries. In the locker room, the Big Ten West Division trophy sat for all to see.

It was the final game at Kinnick for Brian Ferentz, a former team captain in 2005, assistant since 2012 and offensive coordinator for the last seven years. He was ousted by President Barbara Wilson and interim athletics director Beth Goetz on Oct. 30, effective at season's end. It was an emotional day for the offensive coordinator from the moment he arrived at the "Hawk Walk" two hours before kickoff to the locker room celebration that lasted well past the Victory Polka.

"I was proud of him," Kirk Ferentz said. "He's been admirable in the way he's handled a very tough situation. And I'm not quite sure I know how he's done it, but I'm really proud of him as a dad. And can't say enough about that. But I do try to keep things separate. I'm really proud of him as a head coach."

In a season that culminated with the final Big Ten West championship, the No. 16 Hawkeyes (9-2, 6-2 Big Ten) have persevered despite a level of adversity that would crush most programs. Ranging from multiple suspensions following a gambling probe to a relentless number of injuries to Brian Ferentz's firing — and an offense that ranks last nationally — the Hawkeyes never wavered on their commitment to one another.

"When you're hit with so many obstacles like that, it's hard not to feel bad for yourself," linebacker Jay Higgins said. "But I feel like our No. 1 focus at the end of the day is figuring out a way to win games. You can really rally a team that wants to win. I feel like we have a lot of guys who only care about winning the game. They don't care who's out there."

The best way to describe Iowa's season metaphorically is through Biblical and historical figures. First comes Job, God's faithful but scorned servant. The Hawkeyes were tortured by the football gods throughout this calendar year from suspensions to season-ending injuries.

Every day provided a test, yet the players kept their faith and trusted in one another.

"Plenty of struggles," said Logan Lee, starting defensive tackle and devout Christian. "Plenty of ups and downs. The biggest thing is just keep fighting, keep trusting in the plan that God has for us."

Then there's Rasputin, the heretical faith healer and advisor to final Russian Empress Alexandra. Rasputin survived a stabbing, multiple poisonings and gunshots — all in the same night — before he was thrown off a bridge and finally drowned. No matter how many times the Hawkeyes are beaten and left for dead, they come back for more.

"We have battled so much adversity and I am just so proud of every single person in that locker room — players, coaches, every single person — that's why it just means more," said sixth-year defensive end Joe Evans. "I have played on some really great teams. This group battled adversity. We just keep fighting. We just keep coming and coming. I can't say it enough. I am so proud of these guys."

The proof of their collective resilience is in the numbers. This year, Iowa is 9-2 overall and 4-1 in games decided by a touchdown or less. The only loss came after a last-minute touchdown was reversed in controversial fashion on replay against Minnesota. The Hawkeyes have won 14 of their last 17 games and are 17-1 in November since 2019.

The Hawkeyes' offense also ranks last nationally in yards per game (245.4) and averages just 18.5 points. The scoring metric is why Brian Ferentz was dismissed. In February, former athletics director Gary Barta, who officially supervised him because of university nepotism rules, altered the assistant's contract by halting his two-year rollover and installing performance objectives that included an average of 25 points per game and seven victories.

"This being his last game in Kinnick, I couldn't be happier for the guy," Hill said. "I haven't been this grateful to play for a coach in my whole life. I am extremely grateful to play for him. I love that guy to death."

Then there are the injuries. McNamara, a transfer from Michigan, injured his right quad on Aug. 12 which prevented him from scrambling, bootlegs, rollouts or even traditional dropbacks. Then on Sept. 30, McNamara tore his left ACL to end his season.

On Sept. 16, tight end Luke Lachey broke his leg in gruesome fashion. On Oct. 14, tight end Erick All suffered a torn ACL on a low hit from a Wisconsin linebacker. Perhaps most painful of all, Nagurski finalist Cooper DeJean — a likely consensus All-American cornerback — broke his right leg in practice on Wednesday while working with the offense.

There are others on offense who have missed significant time, including running backs Kaleb Johnson (ankle) and Jaziun Patterson (soft tissue), receiver Diante Vines (leg), center Logan Jones (ankle) and guard Nick DeJong (elbow).

"Not just individually, but as a team, we have gone through a lot this year with injuries and whatever else," Hill said. "I think it just shows the resiliency of this team and how determined everybody is. We just keep pushing forward each and every day.

"It has got to be the story of our season."

Perhaps Hill's growth is the most pivotal. Through his first four games as Iowa's primary quarterback, he completed just 36.7 percent of his passes for 94.5 yards per game. In the last three, Hill has completed 65.3 percent for 151.7 yards per game.

"It has just been amazing seeing him progress," Johnson said. "He was at Wisconsin last year and he didn't really get a lot of playing time. He didn't get a lot of playing time when he first got here. For Cade to get hurt was kind of a devastating moment, but it was an opportunity for him."

Hill's improvement also coincides with the rise of receiver Kaleb Brown. After playing sparingly for most of the season, the Ohio State transfer stepped in for Vines against Northwestern and caught a 23-yard pass to set up the game-winning field goal. In the last two weeks alone, Brown has 14 targets.

'Look at us now'

The love and admiration Iowa's players have for departing offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz belies the statistics. That's not the case for Kirk Ferentz.

In the locker room Saturday, nobody could find a football, so defensive coordinator Phil Parker held up an Iowa helmet and looked at the head coach. Parker broke down when he talked of his long-time colleague, who passed Michigan legend Bo Schembechler for third place in wins by a Big Ten coach with 195. Kirk Ferentz tried to downplay it — eventually, a football was found — but the moment touched the 68-year-old coach.

"It's a Michigan State guy giving a ball to the guy who moved past a guy from Michigan," Ferentz quipped about the three-time All-Big Ten safety. "A little self-serving on his part, quite frankly.

"Think about Phil Parker. He's been here 25 years now. In this environment of coaching, good luck finding — he's had two jobs now in his career. So there aren't many guys smart enough to know they've got a good thing. Phil has and what a job he's done."

The Hawkeyes have given up two touchdowns in the last five games. They lost two-year starting defensive tackle Noah Shannon, who wagered on the Iowa women's basketball team in the Final Four last spring and it cost him the entire season. Four defenders from last year's squad are on NFL rosters, including first-round picks Jack Campbell and Lukas Van Ness, plus three other starters left the program.

Yet, Iowa ranks second in yards per play allowed (4.0), third in scoring defense (12.4) and seventh in total defense (281.4 yards per game). That's even playing 774 defensive snaps because of the offensive struggles this year.

But never did the players engage in self-pity or finger-pointing. After a 31-0 loss at Penn State in Week 4, Evans laid down the mental framework for this season.

"How many guys we have on the team; 120 guys against anybody," Evans said that night. "We're going to stay together and we're going to get through this together as a whole team."

Two months later, mission accomplished — at least for the Big Ten West.

"I said that all of our goals are still out there in front of us," Evans said Saturday. "I'm sure they laughed at that. But look at us now."

Publisher: Hawk Fanatic
Title: Time to honor Phil Parker with Broyles Award
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IOWA CITY, Iowa – As surprising as this might seem, Phil Parker has never won the Frank Broyles Award, which is given annually to the top assistant coach in college football.

Barring a late and unlikely decline on defense, that should change this season.

Parker is one of 57 assistant coaches on this year's nominee list for the Broyles Award, which was created in 1996. But you'd be hard-pressed to find another assistant coach on offense or defense that is more deserving of the award than Parker.

Iowa's veteran defensive coordinator is widely regarded as one of the best defensive coordinators in college football, if not the best.

His defenses are known for being tough, physical, fundamentally sound, and always prepared for just about anything.

Iowa has allowed just one touchdown over the past 16 quarters, three touchdowns over the past six games and just 11 touchdowns in 10 games this season, which is the fewest in the nation.

Iowa's defense is giving up just 4.0 yards per play – the lowest figure in the nation – heading into Saturday's home finale against Illinois.

Iowa's defense only allowed 127 yards in last Saturday's 22-0 victory over Rutgers at Kinnick Stadium. It was Iowa's third shutout since the start of the 2022 season.

Iowa senior linebackers Jay Higgins and Nick Jackson have combined for 200 tackles this season, the most by a Power 5 tandem nationally.

Iowa's defense led the nation with seven defensive touchdowns last season, and it was ranked in the top 12 in the nation in scoring defense (second), total defense (second), pass efficiency defense (fourth), passing yards per game (sixth) first down defense (10), third-down defense (11) and rushing defense (12).

So, a strong case could have been made for Parker to win the Broyles Award last season.

But an even stronger case could be made for him to win it this season, considering the unusual circumstances.

Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker watches warmups before a game against Utah State on Sept. 2, 2023 at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, Iowa. (Rob Howe/HawkFanatic.com)

Iowa is 8-2 overall and 5-2 in the Big Ten, and a victory over Illinois on Saturday, or against Nebraska on Nov. 24th in Lincoln, Nebraska, would give Iowa its second Big Ten West Division title outright in the last three years.

Iowa is in this position despite having one of the worst offenses in the country.

The combination of Parker's defense and LeVar Woods' special teams has been enough to overcome the offensive deficiencies in most of the games.

The Iowa defense has very little margin for error with the offense scoring so few points, and that's a lot of weight to carry.

Iowa's defense set a program record and led the nation with 25 interceptions in 2021.

Parker was an outstanding defensive back for Michigan State in the 1980s, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors three times.

He wasn't flashy as a player, and his defenses are the same way, more substance than style.

It's easy to get swept away by the big numbers on offense, and there are some highly successful offensive coordinators that have been nominated for this year's award.

However, holding a team like Rutgers to just 127 yards and zero points is as impressive as an offense gaining a bunch of yards and scoring a bunch of points.

Parker was a member of Kirk Ferentz's first coaching staff at Iowa in 1999, and then was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2012.

He also coaches the Iowa defensive backs, and excels in that role, too.

The Broyles Award isn't supposed to be a life-time achievement award, but at some point, the 60-year-old Parker deserves to be honored as the top assistant coach in college football.

This season would be the perfect time to finally recognize Parker because of how well his defense has performed under tough circumstances.

Just think of the players that Iowa had to replace on defense from last season; a list that includes linebackers Jack Campbell and Seth Benson, defensive linemen Lukas Van Ness and John Waggoner, and defensive backs Riley Moss and Kaevon Merriweather.

Senior defensive tackle Noah Shannon also has missed the entire 2023 season while serving a suspension for gambling on sports.

And then news broke on Wednesday that star junior cornerback Cooper DeJean will miss the rest of the season because of a lower leg injury, which he reportedly suffered in practice on Wednesday.

The loss of DeJean is a massive blow for Parker's defense, but part of being a great coach is overcoming adversity.

Phil Parker will regroup and have his defense ready for Illinois on Saturday.

He doesn't coach to win awards, but it's long overdue for Parker to be recognized as the best assistant coach in college football.

Publisher: The Athletic
Title: Tory Taylor punted his way into Hawkeye history – and now for his grand finale
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Midway through the second quarter of the 2023 season opener, the Hawkeyes led 14-0 and were forced to punt for the first time this season.

Iowa punter Tory Taylor strolled between the hashmarks at Kinnick Stadium to a standing ovation. This Saturday, the 26-year-old Australian who has his own T-shirt — Punting is Winning — will wear his Iowa No. 9 for the final time at home, and the cheers likely will dwarf those that welcomed him earlier this year on Labor Day Weekend.

"I don't know another place than the University of Iowa where specialists, particularly the punter, are heralded as much as him," Iowa special teams coordinator LeVar Woods said.

It's an unusual phenomenon for fans to celebrate a punter. Of all the positions on a football team, the punter represents offensive failure. Yet for No. 16 Iowa, the punter is a strategic weapon to be deployed — forcing opponents to work for every inch against one of the nation's top defenses. And Taylor is perhaps the best to ever do it in Iowa City.

At the end of this season, Taylor will own the school mark for most career punts. At the Big Ten level, his 2021 and 2022 seasons each set records for the most punting yards in a season. This year, Taylor is on track to break his own record again.

"It's ridiculous," defensive end Joe Evans said, recalling a conversation with Taylor after a game. "He had some just phenomenal punts. I mean, he does every week, but I was sitting there and talking to him and like, 'How does that feel just to be able to go out there and punt a ball like frickin' 70 yards?'"

Taylor can punt for distance with the best of them. But what separates him on the field is his precision. Then there's his off-field contributions that elevated his career to one people will discuss for generations.

"His story is so unusual, it puts a smile on my face," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Talking about the ills of college football right now, he was the anti-story of that."

As a young man in Melbourne, Australia, Taylor entered the working world eight years ago and was trying to figure out his next step life. He had a big leg when it came to kicking objects and swung by ProKick Australia to see where his natural ability ranked.

"When I first got there, I saw guys hitting a few nice spirals and I was about to turn around and go back home," Taylor said. "I thought, this isn't for me. But I hit a few good balls. And my coach said, 'Hey, you've got what it takes; it's just whether you want to do it.' And I gave it a bit of thought. And when I say a little bit of thought, it took me about 18 months to decide that just because at the time I was young. I was 19, 20, and I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do."

Taylor's family pledged to support his decision and his internal debate turned into a conversation with his father.

"He said don't be one of those guys and sitting in the bars or the pub in 20, 30 years going I should have or would have or could have," Taylor said. "It's like you either do it or you don't."

After dedicating himself to punting at ProKick, Taylor had suitors to punt for American universities, but Iowa was the one that showed the most interest. In early 2020, Woods traveled to Australia to meet Taylor and watch him punt in person. Woods, a former NFL linebacker, stunned Taylor by his mere presence.

"I was a little nervous, because I never really kicked in front of a coach, especially a coach that I might have to go over and perform in games," Taylor said. "That was quite the experience."

Taylor signed with the Hawkeyes, and a month later the world shut down because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Everything was in flux worldwide, but especially for a 22-year-old Australian traveling to Iowa. Taylor first had to quarantine in Sydney,

then, once he arrived in Iowa, he was penned up in an Iowa City hotel room. By mid-August, the Big Ten canceled the football season. But six weeks later, the league restarted the season with no fans in attendance.

By the time Taylor pulled on his Tigerhawk helmet against Purdue, it marked the first time he had ever seen an American football game, let alone played in one. Outside of a rules violation in the season finale — Taylor kicked a ball sitting on the ground — he punted like a veteran. Taylor was named the Big Ten's top punter and was a second-team All-American. Of his 40 punts, 18 landed inside the 20-yard line and 20 were fair catches.

In 2021, Taylor became well known. In a top-10 showdown against Iowa State, Taylor averaged 51.1 yards on eight punts, parking five of them inside the 20 (6, 9, 10, 13, 20). Four weeks later in a top-five battle with Penn State, six of his nine punts landed inside the 20, including the 1, the 2, the 3, the 8 (twice) and the 12.

On his talk show, longtime former NFL punter Pat McAfee routinely touted Taylor, calling him "a f—ing weapon."

"Field position wins you games," McAfee said after the Penn State game. "Tory Taylor wins you games."

Taylor was just as impactful in 2022. In the season opener against South Dakota State, Taylor parked seven of his 10 punts inside the 20-yard line, and two led to safeties in a 7-3 win. By season's end, Taylor was named a first-team All-American by The Athletic and Football Writers Association of America.

This year, Taylor has become even more consistent. He leads the nation in total punts (63) and punts inside the 20-yard line (24), and his three touchbacks are the fewest among regular punters. He ranks second with 24 punts of 50-plus yards, and his 47.6-yard average ranks fifth.

Perhaps no Iowa punter ever had a better day than Taylor at Wisconsin. With a stiff north wind that averaged 17 miles per hour and gusted up to 40 mph, Taylor knocked six of his 10 punts inside the Wisconsin 20-yard line and three inside the 6-yard line.

"He rides on our bus with us," Iowa linebacker Jay Higgins said afterward about Taylor's impact. "As a defense that just opens up our playbook."

Taylor understands his pursuit of excellence begins with constant improvement. He regularly talks with former Iowa punter Jason Baker and former Iowa All-American kicker Nate Kaeding to refine his mental approach. Kaeding, a two-time Pro Bowl kicker who ranks 13th all time in NFL field-goal accuracy, regularly grabs coffee with Taylor and considers himself a sounding board.

"The biggest challenge, and I can kind of relate to it as I got into the second half of my Iowa career, is everybody's telling you how great you are," said Kaeding, who won the 2002 Groza Award. "But how do you sort of internalize your own metrics and scorecard and how do you challenge yourself and find unique ways to find those marginal gains and improvements throughout the course of the season and season to season?

"I just kind of help and keep him grounded and create his own sort of system of goals internally and kind of block off that noise. Because, oftentimes, that noise of everybody telling you how great you are can be just as compromising, if not more so than the opposite side of that, where everybody's telling you how awful you are."

It takes more than punting a ball to build a relationship with fans. That wasn't a problem for Taylor, who has natural charisma and instantly won over just about every person he met.

"He's got the advantage of being Australian," Ferentz quipped. "He's got the accent, all that stuff. He's got a great personality. I think he's just a likable person. I especially like him when he punts the ball well."

In 2021, when athletes became eligible to earn income on their name, image and likeness, Taylor was left out as an international student because of visa restrictions. Midwestern T-shirt company Raygun had partnered with Iowa and Iowa State athletes and wanted to work with Taylor, but there was no way for him to profit. Ultimately, the punter found the perfect outlet to produce one of Raygun's most popular T-shirts and send his earnings to a worthy cause.

Count the Kicks was formed in 2008 by five women in central Iowa who lost their daughters to stillbirth or infant death. Among their goals is to encourage expectant mothers to have daily kick-counting sessions during the third trimester of pregnancy. Raygun owner Mike Draper told Taylor about the organization, and the punter liked both the message and the name. By that December, Taylor's T-shirts had sent more than $11,000 to Count the Kicks. Taylor continues to partner with the group.

"I've always really appreciated the support that the fans have given me in terms of the T-shirts," Taylor said. "It's all going to a great cause."

"Over the course of his career, he's been exceptional, and that's just on-the-field stuff," Woods said. "The off-the-field stuff speaks for itself. That guy's a phenomenal human being. I've seen unbelievable growth in him as a person, maturity-wise, and then leadership-wise. He's in a really good place right now."

It's no surprise Taylor will embark on an NFL career after this season. He's at least four years older than most of his teammates and he nearly turned pro last year. His NFL-caliber ability is obvious; Kaeding said Taylor has "exceptional talent."

"I'm just amazed watching him," Woods said. "I've never seen a person own the field the way he owns the field. When he is on and he wants to do what he wants to do, there's no stopping him. It's pretty awesome to watch, but just really excited for him and seeing where that goes."

Taylor concedes he will be emotional and said that leaving his comfort zone in Australia and taking a risk changed his life. For others, the pleasure of watching or coaching Taylor as he makes his final trip to the Tigerhawk at the 50-yard line is just as emotional.

However, Taylor leaves a void that perhaps no one can fully occupy. Saturday, he joins 19 other seniors for their final entry at Kinnick Stadium. Cheers and tears will fill the sold-out environment. However, don't be surprised if the loudest ovation comes for the loquacious punter with a thick Australian accent.

"He deserves it," Evans said. "You see what he does every single Saturday."

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IOWA CITY — Deacon Hill had a 3-1 record as a starting college quarterback before Saturday, yet you couldn't find a person outside the Iowa football program who wasn't a relative to say a kind thing about him.

You've surely heard it, and you may have said it. "Worst college quarterback I've ever seen." "Don't they have anybody else?" And so forth.

Hill's passing accuracy in October had been an oxymoron. The Hawkeyes were staying afloat in the Big Ten West title race despite him and Iowa's offense, not because of it. His statistics were gruesome, and the eyeball test wasn't any better.

Yet, Hill kept coming back for more. He kept showing up at postgame interview sessions, looking straight at us, answering questions without a drop of vinegar, saying he appreciated the opportunity he had here, and promising to keep pushing ahead.

All of which meant little if anything to the outside world, of course, no matter how admirable it was.

The guy had the weight of the world on him football-wise, hadn't taken a snap in a game that counted since his junior year of high school, and was expected to at least be competent in leading an offense against Big Ten competition after Cade McNamara's knee injury against Michigan State.

Hill signed up for all the criticism that comes with being in his position if you aren't great at it from the get-go, but until you've been the recipient of it, you can't know what that feels like. He kept working.

Saturday was the Day of the Defense for Iowa football in its 22-0 stifling of Rutgers at Kinnick Stadium. But, but, but … Hill quarterbacked five scoring drives. He completed 20 of 31 passes for 223 yards after being a subterranean 37.8 percent for the season two weeks ago.

For at least one day this season, Iowa had an offense. Four hundred and two yards. Thirty-eight minutes and change of possession. A 19-point second half to let everyone in black-and-gold not only exhale in a fourth quarter for a change, but absorb the reality the Hawkeyes are one victory from winning the Big Ten West outright with Hill running the offense.

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"You talk about resiliency," Iowa Coach Kirk Ferentz said. "I think that's the first word I would use with him because I'm guessing he's probably been hearing a lot of negative stuff out there.

"Instead of worrying about that, he's been focused on trying to get better, working hard with the coaches and practicing better. You hope that's how it works for everybody, and he's certainly right at the front of the list on that."

Hill said he has cut himself off from the outside world other than friends and family. Social media? "Taking it away completely," he said. "There's no need to look at it.

"It's really just talking to people you love and trust."

Hill comes from a fairly amazing family of athletes. His father played basketball at BYU-Hawaii. His mother was a terrific basketball player at the BYU in Utah, one of the school's all-time greats.

His three sisters all played for or currently play for UCLA's women's water polo team and one was a U.S. Olympian. That's a sport that requires serious toughness.

Here Hill is, playing the toughest football position at the toughest level, going through a batch of performances that would try anyone's soul, and completing 20 of 31 passes Saturday for 223 yards. Iowa scored once, twice, thrice, a fourth time, a fifth. The finale was on a touchdown pass from Hill to Kaleb Brown.

“I think today was big,” Hill said. “I really felt trust in myself and what I was seeing, trust in what the coaches were telling me.”

Then he praised the offensive linemen and offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz.

“A ton of personality from that guy,” Iowa offensive tackle Mason Richman said. “I mean, he screamed before we would go out there on the field. And as we got off the field, he’s screaming, too. He’s a really fun guy to block for.

“All of us support him. We’re never going to waver on the guy.

“I don’t hear criticism. Maybe he does. But I know one thing. He keeps showing up for work, and that’s all I care about.”

These are the stories we’re supposed to want the most, right? Somebody struggles, catches way too much flak, doesn’t buckle, doesn’t snarl, keeps believing, and has himself a day.

“We’ve all been doing the work,” Hill said.

That was evident Saturday. Of Iowa’s eight triumphs, this was the team win of the season. Now that team is on the verge of earning a spot in the Big Ten’s title game.

In perhaps the strangest season this program has seen this century, why wouldn’t it gain 402 yards Saturday against the nation’s No. 11 defense? Why wouldn’t it be on a path to play in Indianapolis in three weeks?

Publisher: The Daily Iowan
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Logan Lee hasn't had a sip of soda since Feb. 3, 2012.

After reading Tim Tebow's book, "Through My Eyes," Lee, 11 years old at the time, couldn't help but make a $100 bet with his father, Mitch, that he could stop drinking soda for a year.

A year-long bet turned into over a decade of dedication and a deal that the Orion, Illinois, native plans on sticking to for the rest of his life.

"I just remember as a kid being the most competitive in every area of life, almost a little excessive," Lee said. "Whether that be in a board game, whether that be in a card game, whether that be playing soccer or playing football, I was just always trying to compete in every aspect."

Lee's competitive nature is just one reason why the fifth-year defensive end has started the last 34 games for the Hawkeyes.

Treating this season like his last, the team captain says he is focused on having fun and making a positive impact on every single one of his teammates, whether that's by helping a rookie improve their game, being a good friend, or sharing his Christian faith. Kirk Ferentz said having Lee's leadership on the team makes the longest-tenured head coach in FBS feel like he's "coaching a 40-year-old man."

As the only married player on the Hawkeyes, Lee's priorities stretch much further than winning on the field.

"There's so much more to this than just football … So being available, being able to help the younger guys, help the older guys just navigate life, it's a great opportunity as an elder," Lee joked.

Path to Iowa

Lee said he didn't watch much college football when he was a boy, or follow a team, but always had a dream of playing in the NFL.

When he started playing flag football in elementary school, he showed natural talent and a desire to win.

Mitch recalled his son challenging an opposing team member to a race after one of Lee's games in third or fourth grade. The father jokingly told his son that a kid on the other team looked faster than him — and Lee wasn't going home without testing it out.

"I'm talking to the dads and look over, and Logan's walking over towards that huddle. Next thing you know, he and the blonde kid were lined up because they were gonna race," Mitch said. "It was funny to see him walk over there. He wasn't mean, it was just like, 'Hey, my dad says you're faster than me. What do you wanna do?'"

Lee won the race, but Mitch was quick to admit that someone walked in front of his son's opponent and "blocked him for a second."

Lee said he started taking football more seriously in eighth grade when he realized he needed to play in college to reach the NFL.

Lee played tight end and defensive end on Orion High School's varsity team for four years. He holds the career sack record at the school with 35 and earned unanimous all-conference honors on offense and defense for three straight seasons.

As a sophomore, Lee totaled 11 receptions for 120 yards and three touchdowns, along with 28 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, and eight sacks. The two-way player also excelled in wrestling. He won a state title at 220 pounds as a sophomore in February 2017. The next month, Lee went on an unofficial visit to Iowa, and newly-appointed offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz offered him his first scholarship.

Kirk Ferentz said he and the coaching staff knew about Lee and his family early on and liked “everything about him” in the recruiting process.

“So that was just shocking because usually, you build up with non-Power Five teams,” Lee said of getting offered by Iowa. “You build those up, and then the Power Five teams start coming in, but that was my first actual college recognition.”

Michigan offered Lee three days later, and over the course of the next year, he received interest from Notre Dame, Ole Miss, Michigan State, Northwestern, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Lee’s last visit before choosing Iowa was Wisconsin, which offered him a scholarship on May 24, 2017. Mitch said the visit to Madison went great, but he and his wife were “pretty confident” that their son would end up choosing the Hawkeyes.

Lee planned to go on another visit to Iowa on Saturday, June 24, 2017 — his third visit to Iowa City that month. The Friday before, Lee’s mind was made up.

He told his family he was going to verbally commit to the Hawkeyes during the visit.

Lee’s sister, Ashton, was home at the time from Mankato St. University, where she played volleyball. So, the whole family sat down at the dining table and talked about Lee’s decision to commit to the Hawkeyes, and everyone was in full support.

Lee and his parents drove the hour and 15 minutes to Iowa City and walked into Kirk Ferentz’s office. The athlete was rubbing his sweaty hands nervously on his legs, causing the Iowa coach to ask if everything was OK.

“I’m gonna be a Hawkeye,” Lee responded.

Mitch said Ferentz was surprised and asked him and his wife, Susan, if they were OK with their son committing — the answer was an immediate yes.

Not only did Mitch respect the physicality that Ferentz instilled in his players, but he was also impressed by the coach as a person.

“He is a class act. He always starts with Ash, and to this day, he knows my daughter’s name,” Mitch said. “He will say, ‘How’s Ashton doing?’ It’s like, oh my gosh, how do you remember that?”

A three-star recruit coming out of high school, according to ESPN, Lee felt Iowa was the best place for him to develop as a player and person.

“I really respected the developmental staff and the way they took no-star recruits and small-town kids and developed them into starter-quality individuals,” Lee said.

Lee had great success in his final two years at prep school, combining for 54 receptions, 937 yards, and 18 touchdowns, as well as 120 total tackles, 42.5 tackles for loss, and 27 sacks over that span.

He won another state wrestling title at 285 pounds as a senior, becoming just the third two-time state champion in school history.

Beside Lee through his high school career was his girlfriend and now-wife, Tori.

Tori lived in Geneseo, Illinois, about 30 minutes from Lee’s hometown, when the pair met in seventh grade at a state track meet through mutual friends. Lee instantly thought Tori was cute, but it took some time before he mustered up the courage to talk to her.

“I’m like, ‘Come on, say something, Logan,’” Lee said. “But we’re in seventh grade, so nobody’s saying a word. We’re just walking in silence.”

When Lee finally said something, he proved that first impressions don’t always mean everything.

“I finally muster up the courage to say, ‘Did you see the girl eat it yesterday in the hurdles?’” Lee recalled. “[Tori] stands up, looks at me, and says, ‘That was me’ and then walks away. And I didn’t see her again for another two years.”

The pair reconnected during their freshman year and started dating as sophomores. Tori said she didn’t even know Lee was the same guy from seventh grade until he brought it up three years into the relationship.

Since Lee lived in a different town, Tori's mother asked around to see if anyone had heard of the guy her daughter wanted to hang out with. The only response she got was when she was checking out at Walmart, and a random person butted in and said, "Oh my gosh, the Lees are such a good family. Logan is such a good guy."

Tori's mother questioned her initial good impression of Lee when he came to pick up Tori for the first time in a topless Jeep without doors.

"She was like, 'You did not tell me it was a Jeep,'" Tori said of her mother's reaction. "And then my mom actually sent the picture to my dad because he wasn't home at the time of us driving away, and I will forever keep the screenshot of what he sent back."

Mitch said he warned his son about picking Tori up in the Jeep for the first date, but Lee's only other option was a van, so it was an easy choice for the 16-year-old.

"They're going on the interstate at like 60 miles an hour, and they're passing semis, and they can't talk because there's so much wind," Mitch said. "So the first stage didn't go so well. They've done pretty well since."

Tori attended the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to run track, while Lee started his college football journey in Iowa City. The couple said being three hours away from each other was difficult, but it helped them develop a deeper appreciation for spending time together.

Lee was hurt for much of his redshirt season in 2019, and a shoulder injury kept him out of spring practices in 2021.

Tori knew how to comfort Lee through his injuries because she tore both her ACLs in high school and had several major surgeries. Along with track, she played volleyball, soccer, and basketball but spent 22 months of her high school career in physical therapy.

"Once you lose your brace, or you're a couple of months into your long therapy, all that support kind of goes away from people because you don't have that physical thing to show," Tori said. "So just knowing that I was going to be there with him through it all, I think was my biggest thing. And just like checking in on him mentally because I feel like a lot of guys don't talk about their feelings in that aspect."

Lee asked Tori to marry him on Dec. 30, 2021, during Iowa's Citrus Bowl trip to Orlando. Lee bought the ring just a day before leaving and proposed at Universal Studios with his teammates watching from afar.

On July 3, 2022, the couple got married at a small chapel in Tori's hometown with just family in attendance. The reception was held at Lee's parents' house.

For their one-year anniversary, Tori and Lee did vow renewals in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic. Tori said about 120 people attended, including some of Lee's Iowa teammates – linebackers Jack Campbell and Kyler Fisher, tight ends Sam LaPorta and Jackson Frericks, and defensive back Sebastian Castro. Campbell was Lee's best man at the wedding.

"It was a party all week," Tori said of the trip. "It was so much fun but very exhausting."

Tori moved in with Lee and his four roommates — Fisher, Campbell, LaPorta, and Frericks — ahead of the 2022 season. At the time, Tori was a student-teacher in North Liberty, so she had an opposite schedule from the players, who had the middle of the day off.

Tori said she loved seeing how Lee and his teammates interacted and joked with one another. She also appreciated how they all treated her like family.

"I learned my biggest pet peeve is when people put their dirty dishes in the sink when the dishwasher is empty," Tori said of living with the five athletes. "But overall, it was super fun."

Lee said some of his favorite memories with his roommates came during the COVID-19 pandemic when Iowa's strength and conditioning staff dropped off equipment so the group could work out from home.

“We loved our garage workouts together,” Lee said. “It was just so much fun because you had to improvise with a lot of the exercises they were having us do. So we loved bonding through that.”

Tori said she fell in love with the North Liberty community while student teaching, so she and Lee moved there over the summer and now live about 20 minutes from the football facility. Lee may be farther from Kinnick Stadium, but he still cannot escape the elder title.

“He goes to bed at 9:15 or tries to,” Tori said. “I call him ‘old man’ at home too because if we’re not in bed by 9:15, he turns into a crab and stresses out about sleep.”

Fisher lived with the couple in their North Liberty apartment over the summer.

Tori considers Fisher one of her close friends and said she tried to “pull him out of his shell.” Fisher still comes over to Lee’s place for dinner every once in a while. Otherwise, Fisher and other Hawkeye student-athletes typically use Black Card, which gives them access to weekly and daily allowances for food and groceries at local locations in Iowa City.

“It’s kind of sad. I forget that these guys never make home-cooked meals, and they just use Black Card and eat out all the time,” Tori said. “So I always tell Kyler he’s got to come over for a home-cooked meal.”

Faith-driven

Something that’s special to Lee and his wife is their Christian faith. Mitch said his son has been a firm believer in his faith since he was young and teaches him new things all the time, like how to read and interpret scripture.

The defensive end went on missionary trips to Detroit in eighth grade and Houston in his junior year of high school.

“Football is secondary to what his faith is right now, in my opinion, and that’s not a gimmick,” Mitch said.

Since Lee arrived in Iowa City, he has been involved with Athletes in Action (AIA), a college athlete ministry that seeks Christian followers in every sport at the university. He was on the introductory leadership staff as a first-year and has led the group since. Lee says he is thankful for the people in his life that he wouldn’t have met without AIA.

Some of his favorite memories with the group have come from the ministry’s annual Ultimate Training Camp and his two mission trips to Ecuador.

Lee said that any college athlete can attend the Ultimate Training Camp.

“It’s really just trying to break you down physically, mentally, and spiritually so that you have nothing else to rely on other than the strength that you have in Christ,” Lee said of the camp’s purpose.

During AIA’s trips to Ecuador over spring break in 2022 and 2023, Lee and other Hawkeye athletes passed out water filters and shared the gospel with those in need. AIA partnered with Filter of Hope, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing clean drinking water to families in poverty.

Tori and several Iowa football players — Fisher, Aaron Graves, Steven Stillianos, and Cooper DeJean, to name a few — joined Lee on AIA’s mission trip to Ecuador in March.

Over four days, 88 filters were delivered, 159 people heard the gospel, and 72 people prayed to receive Christ, according to the AIA website.

“So I kind of spearheaded the recruiting aspect. We ended up getting 10 football guys down,” Lee said of this year’s trip. “[The locals we visited] drink water that’s just like black, and it was so eye-opening the first time I went. We don’t have much to complain about in comparison.”

Lee said he tries to encourage anyone who will listen to grow in their faith. Tori said she’s loved watching Lee’s spirituality grow in their relationship and added that his “love for Jesus” is one of her favorite things about him.

“I don’t think he knows yet just how big of an impact he’s had on the football team and a lot of people around him,” Tori said.

Lee credits his faith for the success he's experienced in his college career. So far this season, the defensive end has amassed 30 total tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, two pass deflections, and two sacks, including a career-best 10-tackle game in Iowa's 20-14 win over Purdue.

Lee said early on in his career he struggled because he tried too hard to be perfect. Now, he's not focused as much on filling the stat sheet but instead cares about having fun and learning from his mistakes.

"You'd see him getting better with each game out there because he's more comfortable and more instinctive," Ferentz said. "Now, he's playing really well for us and is a great leader on top of it.

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Title: How Drew Stevens went from soccer standout to crucial part of Iowa's special teams

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IOWA CITY — At halftime of a game during his sophomore season at North Augusta High School, Drew Stevens got word of the decision.

The starting kicker for North Augusta (South Carolina) missed two field goals in the first half, and the team trailed Grovetown (Georgia) 10-0 at halftime. During the break, North Augusta's coach came up to Stevens.

Stevens was told: You're gonna be going in.

A gauge of Stevens' immediate emotions: "I'm like, holy crap, let's go."

By his own approximation, Stevens was 5-foot-6 and 140 pounds at the time. He had only seriously taken on football as a freshman in high school.

It was a far cry from where Stevens is now. The sophomore kicker is a crucial part of Iowa's special teams, which along with Iowa's elite defense has propped up the Hawkeyes as the offense continues to flounder. With four regular-season games remaining this season, the first of which is against Northwestern on Saturday (2:30 p.m., Peacock), Stevens' right leg continues to be pivotal for the Hawkeyes.

But it has taken time for Stevens to get to this point. That includes the game against Grovetown during his sophomore season at North Augusta.

In the second half, Stevens made a field goal and two extra points. North Augusta won the game, 17-16.

"When that happened," Stevens recalls years later, "I was hooked, immediately after that game."

Drew Stevens has Iowa roots

Stevens' mother, Michelle, was outfitted like a true Hawkeye. She wore a yellow wig, along with yellow-and-black striped socks. She sat on the back porch, accompanied by her children, including young Drew, watching Iowa football play Michigan.

At halftime, she made a bold declaration, especially given it was during the fall: If Iowa won, she would jump into the pool.

Iowa did, in fact, win.

"I was like screaming crazy," Michelle said.

Michelle's family held her accountable to the vow. She went into the pool, bringing out laughter around her.

Michelle was born in Iowa. She grew up attending games at Kinnick Stadium. At Spirit Lake High School, she was a four-sport athlete. Even though she went on to attend college behind enemy lines at Iowa State, she'd still wear Iowa gear around campus.

It was at Iowa State where Michelle met her future husband, Tim. He was an athlete in his own right. Tim played football, basketball and baseball in high school. He then went on to play all three sports for one year at Joliet Junior College. He transferred to Iowa State, where he redshirted one season on the Cyclones basketball team before moving on from the program.

Because of the family's athletic history, it's not much of a surprise that Stevens excelled in sports. At one point, he was encouraged to leave the local soccer recreation league because he was so dominant. During a soccer game later on in his career, Stevens curled in a corner kick for a goal.

Stevens, at times, exudes a reserved personality. But there's a goofy side to Stevens that is less seen publicly. Early on in his life, Tim called Drew his "little bobblehead" because his head was disproportionately large to the rest of his body. That amusing

vibe carried on. In high school, Stevens went into the teacher's lounge after being dared to do so. He popped himself a bag of popcorn and watched television before someone finally noticed.

Also as a kid, Stevens had a gas-powered, four-wheel ATV. One time, he yelled to Tim, "Hey, Dad, watch this." Tim then saw what he believed was Drew driving an ATV into a retaining wall. The figure fell off. Tim went rushing over to help, only to find Drew emerge from a bushed area, laughing. He had dressed an artificial figure in pants, a shirt and a helmet, so it appeared as if he was in the driver's seat. In fact, though, he was watching the chaos transpire as the ATV went barreling into a wall.

"He was very proud of his moment," Tim said, "but we were not happy."

Kicking it with a "lead foot"

Early on in his time training with coach Dan Orner, Stevens was chunking divots out of the ground as if he were a golfer.

But it's important to understand: Only shortly before they started working together had Stevens actually embarked on his place-kicking career. The freshman football team needed a kicker. Stevens' parents encouraged him to try. At first, he wasn't bought in.

"Nah, I (didn't) really want to," Stevens said. "I mean, I like soccer. That (was) my favorite sport."

But he was persuaded to give it a go. His leg strength from soccer helped the transition, but early in his career it wasn't necessarily pretty.

"He was still making kicks," Tim said. "But his form was absolutely awful."

That began to change after starting to train with Orner. He was a standout at the University of North Carolina and went on to briefly spend time with the Minnesota Vikings. Now he passes knowledge of kicking and punting through coaching. And so early on in his time working with Stevens, it was clear that the young kicker needed it.

Orner draws a parallel between kicking and weight training. Just as a weight lifter would isolate specific muscles to get stronger, kickers focus on particular aspects of kicking to improve, such as ball striking, steps and extension.

"He would constantly text me and ask me about ways that he could get better," Orner said. "And he pulled me aside at training sessions. For me as a coach, it's refreshing working with someone like him."

Stevens' work ethic allowed him to avoid plateauing. Toward the latter half of his high school career, Stevens had one of his best days while with Orner and NFL kicker Joey Slye.

It was so impressive that Slye came over to Orner.

"Holy (expletive)," Slye told Orner, "that kid's got a lead foot."

Like a boxer with heavy hands, having a lead foot is a compliment for a kicker, meaning the ball exploded off Stevens' foot. Slye started calling Stevens "lead foot."

Opportunities to play at the next level surfaced. Among those were Iowa, North Carolina State and South Carolina. Stevens was already familiar with the Hawkeyes because of his mother. A major factor in his decision was where he'd be able to get playing time quickly. With Caleb Shudak set to head out the door, there was potential for that at Iowa.

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz, though, was skeptical.

"I remember distinctly meeting with he (Stevens) and his dad out here thinking, 'Boy, am I wasting my time today, shaking hands and visiting a little bit,'" Ferentz said. "Let me get this straight. He's from South Carolina. He's going to come to Iowa as a walk-on. Why would that make sense? He looked like he was 12 at that time."

Stevens enrolled early at Iowa. And there were more bumps.

"Nobody had a worse spring," Ferentz said. "He came early, left high school early, and he was God-awful out there."

But Stevens made big strides before his freshman season officially rolled around. He went 16-of-18 on field goals and a perfect 24-of-24 on extra points. Following last season, Stevens was put on scholarship.

It carried over to this season. Iowa punter Tory Taylor has garnered a considerable amount of attention for his efforts on special teams, and justifiably so. But overlooking Stevens' value to Iowa would be a disservice. He is 13-of-16 on field goals this season, plus 15-of-15 on extra points. That has brought his career numbers at Iowa to an impressive 29-of-34 on field goals and 39-of-39 on extra points.

For a program whose dreadful offense in 2022 has spilled into 2023, brilliant special teams play and stellar defense have been the foundation on which the Hawkeyes (6-2, 3-2 Big Ten) still manage to find success.

Ferentz, referencing that earlier interaction with Stevens and his father, said: "Little did I know that, however many years, three, four years later, this is what it would look like. He's done a great job."

There is another layer to the story. For Michelle, this journey has come somewhat full circle. She now watches her own son play in a stadium where she used to attend games growing up.

"I should be getting used to it maybe, but it's just very surreal, just because there's such a small number of kids that play college football," Michelle said. "And then it's even smaller for kickers. You use four or five wide receivers a game. You only use one kicker, typically. Just the small amount of people that get to do it. And (that) my kid is one of them is kinda crazy, some days when I think about it."

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Title: Ethan Hurkett epitomizes Iowa football developmental spirit and attitude
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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Ethan Hurkett fits the description of an Iowa football player under Kirk Ferentz in so many ways.

He is a shining example of how a development program develops a developmental player.

A former all-state linebacker for Cedar Rapids Xavier, Hurkett has since been transformed into a 6-foot-3, 260-pound defensive end for the Hawkeyes.

It didn't happen overnight, nor has it come easy.

But all the sweat and suffering, and the blood and tears are well worth it.

Hurkett is a homegrown kid that wanted to be a Hawkeye, and now as a fourth-year junior, he's living his dream, and is doing so as a major contributor on a deep and talented defensive line.

Hurkett has 32 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, two quarterback hurries and one fumble recovery for an Iowa defense that has continued to live up to the high standard that has been set under defensive coordinator Phil Parker.

"I knew they could do it with this weight room and with these lifting coaches and stuff," Hurkett said Wednesday. "I wasn't too worried about the size and stuff. I've seen them put a lot of size and muscle on guys in the past.

"I trust in the program they have here, just being developmental program and stuff. But I just figured wherever they were going to give me the opportunity, I'd be more than happy to come in and do that."

Hurkett is one of two Xavier graduates that are playing a prominent role for the Iowa defense, along with senior free safety Quinn Schulte.

Hurkett appeared briefly in eight games in the Covid-shortened 2020 season, and in three games in 2021, but then missed the final 11 games due to an injury.

He saw action in all 13 games last season, and finished with 15 tackles, two tackles for loss and one sack.

Hurkett's climb up the depth chart has taken some time, but that's not unusual in a developmental program.

Iowa defensive line coach Kelvin Bell often preaches patience to his players, telling them to embrace the daily grind rather than look for huge jumps.

"It was a process," Hurkett said. "Kind of just came in here and tried to improve every day. Coach Bell, we have a recipe for improvement, which we focus on not necessarily taking big leaps, but maybe getting one percent better each day.

"So, that's helped a lot."

Iowa is coming off an emotional 12-10 loss to Minnesota last Saturday at Kinnick Stadium and is now in a bye week.

"It's been good just to slow down a little bit. I can definitely tell my body is feeling better already," Hurkett said. Get some extra sleep and stuff, so it helps a lot."

Iowa's next game will be against Northwestern on Nov. 4 at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

And while the loss to Minnesota was devastating, Iowa has a 6-2 record and still is in contention for the Big Ten West Division title.

"Coach Bell always says everything you want is in front of you," Hurkett said. "You've just got to go take it basically. So, I think it's up to us to do with whatever we want to do with this opportunity."

Hurkett is part of a defensive end rotation that also includes sixth-year senior Joe Evans and junior Deontae Craig as the starters.

"It's amazing to see Joe in his sixth year still going and working his butt off," Hurkett said

Evans also embodies the developmental spirit of Hawkeye football as a former high school quarterback who came to Iowa as a walk-on.

Kirk Ferentz and his staff have shown a knack for seeing talent and potential where other coaches don't see it.

They were convinced that Hurkett had what it takes to play defensive end at the Big Ten level, and they were right.

Hurkett credits extensive film study and constructive criticism for helping him reach this point.

"We take the reps and then watch it on film and basically breakdown everything from footwork to hand placement," Hurkett said. "It's schematic things. One of the big things we work on is honest self-evaluation. What you see on the film, we say the eye on the sky don't lie, so wherever you've got to work on, you know that you've got to work on it basically."

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Title: Rusty Feth talks Bigfoot, bye week, love for tattoos and the Wave

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IOWA CITY, Iowa – One year of interviewing Rusty Feth is better than nothing.

That was my thought after having interviewed Iowa's highly entertaining graduate transfer offensive lineman on Wednesday.

Feth was among a handful of Iowa players that met with the media, and it was fun interacting with him.

We talked about the struggles on offense, and with the offensive line specifically, because you can't bury an obvious storyline, even if it is depressing.

But we also talked about Bigfoot, his love for tattoos, and the stories behind his body paint, and about the Wave.

I'm happy to report that Feth and I are both Bigfoot fans, but also non-believers.

"I just thought Bigfoot was cool," Feth said when asked about his Bigfoot tattoo. "I never ever believed he was real. I wanted to as a kid, but now, I don't know, to think that people believe there's like an eight-foot giant Bigfoot walking around is just kind of cool to me."

There were several other media members interviewing Feth at the time, but as the only media member born before 1970, or maybe even 1980 or 1990 in the group, I used that experience to ask Feth if he were aware of a 1987 movie titled "Harry and the Hendersons" starring John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon and Don Ameche.

To no surprise, he wasn't aware of the movie, nor do I believe were the other media members standing nearby.

I was, obviously, showing my age, but for a good cause as I wanted Feth to know about a movie in which a family hits a Bigfoot on the way home from a camping trip, brings it home thinking it's dead, and that a fortune could be earned from the discovery, only to find out later that it's alive and in the kitchen.

"Okay, I'll check it out for sure," Feth said.

He might have said that just to make me feel good, but I think he was being genuine because that seems to be Rusty Feth.

He has nothing to hide, including, of course, his tattoos.

He wears them like a badge of honor, the owl, the wolf and the skull, an interest handed down from his father.

"My dad's all tatt-ed up, so, I kind of fell in love with it as a kid, it kind of made it easy," Feth said of his love for tattoos. "I know you're supposed to have meaning and it's going to be on my body forever."

Feth then shared a story in which he and his father both got the same tattoo of a dagger while together in Florida.

The tattoo came with a saying that Feth uses as inspiration.

"I've got a quote here that "tough times never last" and that means something to me," Feth said. "That's probably the most meaningful one.

"Just do some hard stuff and you're always going to get through it, no matter what."

Iowa is using this bye week to help get through the tough times.

The bye week comes on the heels of a devastating 12-10 loss to Minnesota this past Saturday at Kinnick Stadium in which Iowa had a late touchdown on a punt return by Cooper DeJean erased due to an invalid fair catch signal.

Iowa's next game is against Northwestern on Nov. 4 at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

“Having this bye week is really nice, I will say,” Feth said. “We have a four-week season ahead of us and that’s all we have to focus on, these next four games.

“And it’s going to fly bye.”

Feth’s time as a Hawkeye will fly bye since he only has one season of eligibility.

And though the offense has struggled in all phases this season, Iowa still is 6-2 overall and in contention for a Big Ten West Division title.

Feth spoke optimistically about his situation on and off the field, and that’s what you would expect from him.

While the fans and the media can point out the problems on offense and be critical, Feth and his cohorts have to stay positive and focused on the task at hand.

“Be better than the previous week, and I think we’ve done a good job with that,” Feth said. “We just have a mindset if we mess something up, move on, we’ll watch it later, learn from it and get better from it. We buy into that and get better every day and every week.

“At the end of the season, we’ll still have the same mindset if we have one more game left, during practice that week, we have to get better for this game.”

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz couldn’t have said it any better.

A native of Colerain, Ohio, Feth has been a Hawkeye for less than a year, but he seems to fully understand the culture and the mindset that Kirk Ferentz has built over a quarter century as head coach.

The hope was that Iowa’s veteran offensive line in which the the five starters, which includes Feth, have combined for 129 career starts, would take a significant step forward this season.

But it just hasn’t happened.

There have been stretches in which the offensive line has excelled, including the back-to-back games against Purdue and Wisconsin in games six and seven when Iowa combined to rush for 381 yards in the two victories.

The problem has been the inability to sustain a productive ground attack.

Feth didn’t make any excuses or point fingers when talking about the problems on offense.

He preferred to stay positive, because that’s just seems to be his nature, and because it’s the right thing to do.

Feth’s decision to be a Hawkeye has reunited him with Iowa offensive line coach George Barnett. Feth spent his first two years at Miami with Barnett as his position coach. Barnett is now in his third season as Iowa’s offensive line coach.

“Everyone here, there is no one I couldn’t ever to talk to here,” said Feth, who started 34 games for Miami (Ohio), including the last 25 at center. “Coaches, players, just the guys, because they go through the same stuff. It’s easy to relate to someone when they’ve done it with you.”

In addition to his tattoos, the 6-foot-3, 310-pound Feth also has a bright orange beard that stretches to the top of his chest.

He looks like an offensive lineman, or a giant lumberjack.

But even someone his size needs a break from the physical demands of playing football.

“It is good to have a break and to get away from it for a couple days,” Feth said. “Like these past couple practices, it is a bye week and it’s just been really good to get out there and run around for an hour and then be done. It’s pretty nice.”

Feth is what’s good about the transfer portal.

He came to Iowa after having played for Miami (Ohio) for four seasons.

Feth gave his heart, soul and body to the Redhawks, but he wanted to end his career on the biggest stage of college football.

He wanted to play against the best and being a Hawkeye has given Feth that opportunity.

It also has given Feth a chance to be a part of the Wave, which is now widely regarded as the greatest tradition in college sports.

It happens at the end of the first quarter of home games at Kinnick Stadium when the players, coaches and support staff from both teams, along with the officials and the fans, turn and wave to the patients on the top floor of the Stead Family Children's Hospital, which is across the street from the stadium.

The tradition started in 2017 after a fan suggested it on Facebook and it has since grown into a celebrated tradition that is unique to Hawkeye football.

Feth experienced the Wave for the first time as a freshman for Miami (Ohio).

"And that was cool, but here for Iowa, and doing the Wave, I don't even know if words can explain it," Feth said. "It's just really cool, and I think everyone feels the same way."

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Title: After quiet arrival at Iowa, Cooper DeJean now showing everyone he is rare player
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IOWA CITY — When Cooper DeJean first arrived on campus, fellow defensive back Jermari Harris initially "thought something was wrong with him."

"When he first came in, he didn't say a word," Harris said. "But looking back on it, that's just who he is."

DeJean, now in his third year at Iowa, considers himself "more of an action-type guy" and has tried to "let my actions speak."

His actions on Iowa's defense and special teams units have not only spoken. They figuratively have been screaming.

DeJean has seven interceptions since the beginning of last season. No Power Five player has caught more interceptions during that time span.

His three interception returns for touchdowns in 2022 broke Iowa's single-season record and tied the career record.

His 14.3 yards per punt return this season leads the Big Ten, with only three others averaging more than 4 yards per punt return.

Iowa Coach Kirk Ferentz described DeJean as a "rare player."

"It's hard to think of many guys in 25 years that can do things like he does, and he does them pretty consistently," Ferentz said.

Most recently, that was on display as DeJean returned an interception 41 yards to the Purdue 5-yard line. His teammates gave the playmaking star a hard time about not scoring a touchdown.

"I kept telling them, like, 'I could use a couple blocks there,'" DeJean said in jest.

The week before, DeJean returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown while making it look easy. (That was in addition to an interception in the back of the end zone earlier in the game.)

Harris described the punt return as "definitely the craziest play I've ever seen on the football field from another individual."

"You rarely get to see that combination of athleticism, the mental toughness, the savvy that he has and the electricity he brings to our team," Harris said.

Along with blockers "making it easy on me," DeJean attributed much of his punt return prowess to "just instincts."

"Finding the gaps and when to hit them, when to not," DeJean said.

The Odebolt native was not always in the spotlight.

DeJean's recruitment was practically the definition of low-profile. His only other offers, according to 247Sports' database, were North Dakota State, South Dakota State and Illinois State.

"For teams not to take a chance on him was kind of mystifying," his OABCIG High School coach Larry Allen told The Gazette last year. "You would think somebody would have had the idea to offer him."

When Iowa traveled to in-state rival Iowa State early in the 2021 season, the future star was not even on the Hawkeyes' travel roster.

"He's a really good player, but he didn't walk in here like there's Cooper DeJean," Ferentz said. "We thought he was pretty good; don't get me wrong. But I don't think anybody's writing about him when he came here."

But DeJean is no longer under the radar.

Luke Fickell, who is in his first year as head coach at Wisconsin after six years in the American Athletic Conference with Cincinnati, raved about DeJean early in his weekly news conference.

“A very dynamic player that even the last couple years, not being in the league, I had seen and watched and heard a lot about,” Fickell said Monday.

Fickell especially took notice of DeJean’s performance in last year’s Music City Bowl performance, when he had a pick-6 and a 34-yard punt return.

“If you take shots on him and things like that, he can change a game,” Fickell said. “Obviously he did it in the bowl game. I think he’s the sole benefactor for that game being the way it was. He at least created a lot of those things.”

Draft prognosticators also have taken notice of DeJean’s talent, with his name surfacing as a potential first-round pick in next year’s draft.

ESPN’s Mel Kiper Jr. slotted DeJean as the 11th-best prospect in the 2024 draft class earlier this month, saying the Hawkeye “has the physical tools to be the top corner in this class.” Pro Football Focus ranked him as the 12th-best prospect in the 2024 draft class.

Life in the spotlight is not much different for DeJean.

“It’s still the same football game,” DeJean said. “I still go out and just try and do my job week in and week out to help this team and put them in the best situation to win.”

It did require the young DeJean to clarify some things with his grandmother, though. When the Kinnick Stadium crowd started doing the “Coooooooop!” chant, she thought those were boos.

“She didn’t take that too well,” DeJean said. “But I had to explain to her that that’s not what was happening there. It’s actually a good thing that they’re doing that.”

DeJean’s athleticism, combined with Iowa’s uninspiring offensive results, sparked speculation from fans and even opposing coaches about whether the star could be a contributor on both sides of the ball.

“I wouldn’t be surprised if we see him on offense,” Fickell said this week.

A cornerback-wide receiver combination has worked elsewhere, as Colorado star Travis Hunter showed before his injury. In the Buffs’ season opener at No. 17 TCU, Hunter had an interception on defense and 11 catches for 119 yards on offense.

Ferentz said playing DeJean on offense has been “a discussion and a thought,” but the 25th-year head coach has been reluctant to take it any further than the idea stage.

“In baseball, a couple weeks ago, I think I mentioned a guy getting pulled after seven innings throwing a no-hitter,” Ferentz said earlier this month. “If you did a pitch count on Cooper, he is getting a lot of snaps. I suppose you could do it, but you don’t want to compromise what we’ve got defensively right now.”

DeJean has taken 549 snaps so far this season, according to Pro Football Focus. If Iowa goes to the conference championship game and a bowl game, Ferentz’s star defensive player would be at pace to take 1,281 snaps. (For perspective, Jack Campbell played 1,121 snaps in Iowa’s 14-game 2021 season.)

DeJean played 102 snaps as a true freshman in 2021 and 1,001 snaps as a sophomore in 2022.

“I’ve grown a lot as a football player, even more as a person,” DeJean said. “Learning from Coach Ferentz and all the coaches each and every day and everything that they preach — the discipline that we have to have playing the game of football and in the game of life.”

As a result of that growth, the instinctively quiet DeJean is not-so-quiet on the football field — both with his voice and with his actions.

“I’ve gotten more and more comfortable being a vocal leader out on the field,” DeJean said. “It’s been a fun challenge to help these younger guys learn and come along and understand how to prepare throughout the season.”

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Title: Hawkeyes Embracing Who They Are
Author: Rob Howe
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MADISON, Wis. - It's not figure skating or gymnastics. Style points don't matter in college football. You win or you lose.

Iowa Football makes no apologies for how the victories come. Others can call it ugly. The Hawkeyes think it's beautiful.

They continued defying the odds Saturday here at Camp Randall Stadium, winning for the 24th time in 34 games despite fielding one of the country's worst offenses. They secured victory for 11th time in 13 games and improved to 6-1 this season.

Their latest Houdini act occurred in a 15-6 triumph against Wisconsin. Iowa was a double-digit underdog due in large part to its inability to score points.

Iowa won this game with 37 passing yards. Last week, it defeated Purdue, 20-14, without completing a throw to a wide receiver. They completed six passes in each game and are 12 of 35 through the air in those contests.

We know this isn't normal. One need only to look around the country to see what Iowa is doing, winning with exceptional defense and special teams, defies logic.

"We're trying to win the game by any means," linebacker Jay Higgins said Saturday. "We don't care what it looks like. As long as we have the win at the end of the day, that's all that matters to us."

The latest win moved the Hawkeyes into the driver's seat among teams pursuing the final Big Ten West championship. Each with just one conference loss now, Iowa gained the head-to-head tiebreaker with the Badgers, which still has a home game left with No. 3 Ohio State.

Iowa should be favored against its remaining opponents. If it wins out, Hawkeye Nation is off to Indianapolis in December for a meeting with the champion from the East, which will be a heavy favorite.

That the Hawkeyes sit in good position to win the division for the second time in four years with this offense is nothing short of amazing. Yes, it comes with context, but it's also a worthy accomplishment. Their three West titles would only rank behind the Badgers' four championships during the short history of the division.

An ascending defense held a Wisconsin program ranked 16th nationally in rushing offense coming into the action to 96 yards and 3.4 per carry. Specialists Tory Taylor and Drew Stevens, returners and coverage teams outperformed their counterparts.

Taylor averaged 50.6 yards on 10 punts with six of them pinning Wisconsin inside its own 20-yard line. In the third quarter, the Badgers' starting field position was their own 11. That improved to the 15 in the fourth quarter.

Good luck to teams trying to drive the field on this defense.

"As a defense, that just opens up our playbook," Higgins said of Taylor pinning teams deep in their own end. "(Iowa defensive coordinator Phil Parker) is going to be aggressive when we're down there."

It led to the Hawkeyes recording an important safety early in the fourth quarter. Wisconsin managed just a pair of field goals. It's previous low-scoring output of the season was 22 points at Washington State.

Iowa cash Sebastian Castro stood out with a pair of tackles for loss, an interception and a pass breakup. It seemed like all seven of his solo tackles were important.

The offense wasn't a complete lost cause, either. The Hawkeyes may have found a reliable running game.

After rolling up 181 yards on 35 carries last week against Purdue, Iowa gashed the Badgers for 200 yards on 48 carries. Leshon Williams carried 25 times for a career-high 174 yards, including an 82-yard touchdown sprint to open the scoring.

That's impressive work by the offensive line. It's opening holes when the opposition isn't threatened by a passing game.

During the postgame locker room celebration, the Hawkeyes played Jump Around, the Cypress Hill song blared through the speakers here at the end of each third quarter.

"You gotta play Jump Around when you win at Wisconsin," Castro said with a smile.

The Hawkeyes earned that right despite the method being tough to watch at times.

"Iowa Football is special teams and defense," Taylor said. "That's a no-brainer."

Publisher: Hawk Central | Des Moines Register
Title: Deacon Hill grew up playing water polo in California. Now he's Iowa's starting QB
Author: Tyler Tachman
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IOWA CITY — To his family's surprise, Deacon Hill was going to perform.

It was during the holidays when Hill was about 6 years old. Hill was with immediate and extended family, having a talent show of sorts. Musicians in the family sang and played instruments. After those performances, Hill stood up, strode to the piano and declared that he wanted to play a song.

The interesting part? Hill had never played piano before.

He proceeded to fearlessly pound on the piano keys for about 20 seconds. He stood up and bowed for his work, which was met with applause and laughter.

This is a snapshot of Hill's personality and ambition. But a spontaneous piano performance turns out to be far from the only fascinating part of Hill's life.

More than a decade later, Hill, listed at 6-foot-3 and 258 pounds, is a freight train of a quarterback for the Iowa football team. Center Logan Jones said Hill "looks like a 50-year-old dude." Hill grew up playing water polo. He also surfs. He is half Samoan. He has worked out with Major League Baseball star Giancarlo Stanton.

And now, with Cade McNamara out for the rest of the 2023 season, Hill is set to make his first career start in college when Iowa plays Purdue on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium (2:30 p.m., Peacock).

Oh, also: For a period of time this past winter, he wasn't even expected to be playing FBS football.

Pe'a Hill was sitting in the stands watching his son at a youth football camp. Pe'a, who had signed Hill up as a quarterback, noticed that his son was standing in the back of the line for that position group, not participating in the drills. Pe'a walked down to the field and told Hill to take part in the drills. Hill said a coach told him that he was not a quarterback, he was a lineman, and therefore he should be doing lineman drills.

Hill stayed with the quarterbacks. But the coach didn't budge. So Pe'a pulled Hill out of the camp.

It's hard to ignore Hill's size at quarterback, but this is the reality that he has faced. It's a perception that — to a certain extent — he still battles. But Hill is a quarterback. His bazooka of an arm is a testament to that. He said the farthest he's thrown a football is 74 yards.

Hill credits his arm strength to his water polo career. He played in his first game when he was 4 years old, kicking off a childhood spent on pool decks all over the state of California. Hill, who described water polo as his "first love," enjoyed it so much that he would play multiple games for his team and then go around to see if other teams needed extra players.

Each of Hill's three older sisters went on to play water polo at UCLA. One of Hill's sisters, Sami, now an assistant coach for the Michigan women's water polo team, won a gold medal with Team USA at the 2016 Rio Olympics. Not to mention their mother, Cindy, who scored more than 1,600 career points playing basketball at BYU.

Hill, asked if he is the best athlete in his family, said, "Probably not. I'm probably lacking a little behind."

Hill waited his turn at Santa Barbara High School. As a sophomore, he was in a battle for the starting quarterback job but lost to the incumbent. But later that season, when the starter got injured, Hill remained prepared and stepped in. Even though he was not yet the full-time starter, Hill committed to Wisconsin before his junior season. But getting to that point meant cleaning up his release, a unique hurdle earlier in his career due to a mechanical difference between throwing a polo ball and a football.

“Constant ball-positioning drills and working on him turning over his wrist because he had a longer release at the time,” said J.T. Stone, Hill's coach at Santa Barbara High School, who also worked with him prior to that. “So it just took us work, work, work and him putting in the work. We did a lot of band drills, just stationary drills.”

Becoming a star in high school took more work. He focused on his strength and conditioning with coach Peter Park. On his 17th birthday, Hill and others did an intense session, which included each completing 17 repetitions of a sled pull with weight increasing. (By the way, Hill wanted to work out on his birthday.) Some in the group were slacking, so Hill got on them and ensured they finished.

Park also trains a handful of professional baseball players, whom Hill worked alongside.

"The pro baseball players were always surprised because he’s 240-50 pounds and we do conditioning stuff on the treadmill," Park said. "And they expect to just smoke him ... But they were always surprised how hard he could push. And push himself and get past that pain barrier. You can’t teach that stuff that he has.”

When Hill was a junior in high school, he threw an interception late in a game during a playoff run, which essentially sealed Santa Barbara’s loss. Not long after the game, Park, who had been at the game, answered his phone.

“He called me,” Park said, “and said he wanted to be in the gym the next day.”

Park decided against it. He wanted Hill to take time off.

Coming to Iowa was a 'no-brainer'

At Iowa football media day in August, there was a crowd of reporters around Cade McNamara ... and so was Hill. He was using a sports drink bottle as a mock microphone to ask McNamara a question.

“Would you say you’re the favorite child of the family?” Hill playfully asked, extending the bottle toward McNamara.

Hill’s charisma, which allowed him to connect with so many people, led his sister Abbi to jokingly call him the “Mayor of Santa Barbara.” In fact, one time he went out to breakfast with his sisters and there was a 45-minute wait to be seated. But Hill, who disappeared to go to the bathroom, emerged back outside with news that he had gotten a table.

“I know the owner,” Hill said before walking back inside.

Apparently, Hill knew the owner’s son. He did indeed get them a table.

And Hill? He was about 9 years old.

So that interaction with McNamara in August was true to form. At the time, it would have been difficult to forecast what would happen over the next handful of weeks.

McNamara took an awkward fall during Kids’ Day at Kinnick in August, forcing him to miss practice time, which meant Hill got reps with the starters. McNamara played through it during game action, starting the first five contests of Iowa's season. But in the first quarter against Michigan State, McNamara went down again; this time it was a season-ending ACL injury.

Hill was thrown into the game. He went 11-of-27 for 115 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Iowa won, 26-16. It wasn’t a stellar performance by any means, but given the circumstances, Hill did show resolve.

Take into consideration that Hill hadn’t even attempted a pass in a college game prior to this season. He redshirted his first season at Wisconsin. The following season, then-Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst was fired in October 2022. Shortly after, Hill entered the transfer portal.

“I think the biggest thing was that I matured as a person,” Hill said of his time at Wisconsin. “Learning to deal with ups and downs within my career and not trying to let that affect my life outside of football. I think there’s a genuine balance between life and football. If football isn’t going that well, you can find peace in life, do other things, be with friends. And then, on the alternative side, if things aren’t going great in life, that you can find your peace in football.”

For a while it appeared Hill would be playing at a non-FBS level. In December 2022, Hill committed to Fordham. A few days later, though, he got a call from Iowa offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz.

The connection between Hill and Iowa was due to senior special assistant Jon Budmayr. Budmayr recruited Hill at Wisconsin but left the Badgers before Hill began his career there. After a stint at Colorado State, Budmayr joined the Iowa staff in 2022. That later opened a door at Iowa for Hill, even if he was already committed to Fordham.

“I knew it was a done deal,” Hill said about getting the call from Ferentz. “I knew I wanted to play for coach Bud(mayr) and I didn’t have the opportunity to play at Wisconsin with him. So it was a no-brainer coming here.”

And now, Hill takes over a struggling offense. The Hawkeyes' abysmal 2022 showing has not looked much more promising so far this season. That has been due to a variety of reasons, including mounting injuries. Expectations for Hill are difficult to pin down because he is so unproven at the college level.

But his cannon of an arm could open a path to a more potent deep passing game. Beyond that, Hill is mobile for his size. He is not a speedster, but he can do damage with his legs. In fact, in high school, he leapt over a defender who tried to undercut him.

“I wouldn’t so much as call it a hurdle,” Hill said of the play. “The dude was kinda like diving at my ankles and I kinda just hopped and happened to land over him. But, yeah, it was fun.”

Iowa is 4-1 this season with hopes of getting to the Big Ten Championship Game. But because of a depleted offensive unit, the outlook of the season has taken a sharp turn toward the unknown.

Hill is now a key part of the equation.

This might go really well. It might not.

“He has his chance,” Park said. “I think everyone is going to see what he can do.”

Ready or not, it’s time for Hill to put on another performance.

Publisher: Iowa Rivals
Title: Stilianos and Ostrenga Ready to Step Up without Luke Lachey
Author: Eliot Clough
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IOWA CITY -- The tight end room at Iowa is in some flux at the moment. Starting tight end Luke Lachey went down with a "significant" leg injury in Iowa's 41-10 victory over Western Michigan on Saturday. He's currently out indefinitely and is likely to miss the rest of the season.

"It's an unfortunate development," Kirk Ferentz said. "He'll be fine here in time, but it's a significant injury so he's going to be out for quite a while."

Ferentz added that Lachey is "most likely" out for the season, and that he had surgery on Tuesday that went well.

Fourth-string tight end and Lafayette transfer

Steven Stilianos spoke about the significance of the injury for Lachey and the offense earlier in the day.

"Luke is my brother -- he's probably my best friend here, he's my roommate and he's going to be a groomsman in my wedding," he said on Tuesday. "It's obviously tough to see him go down like that -- just trying to figure out what happened to him and how serious it was. It was tough to see, and I'm trying to have his back through all of that."

Though Lachey's injury is front of mind for his teammates and the staff, they know other tight ends will have to step up in his absence -- specifically Stilianos and third-string tight end.

Addison Ostrenga in addition to starter Erick All.

"Obviously that opens the door for me," Stilianos said. "It's next man up, you always have to be ready to go. You always have to prepare like you're going to be that guy playing. I feel like I approach every week like that. I'm ready to go -- I'm 23-years-old and I've played quite a bit of football. I'm ready."

The sixth-year senior has spent the last year-and-a-half in Iowa City and registered his first catch as a Hawkeye against WMU on Saturday, finishing the game with two receptions for 29 yards.

"Steve is a guy that I mentioned in the spring as someone who was starting to emerge," Ferentz said. "He has a lot more confidence now and a lot more competency. So, I think he did a good job on Saturday, and we'll use him more now."

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Unlike Stilianos, Ostrenga started his college football career in Iowa City and has gotten some early reps for the Hawks. Through two seasons, he has caught three passes for 25 yards, and also caught his first pass of the season against the Broncos.

"Addy is a guy we threw in there last year pretty much out of need," Ferentz said. "He really responded well. He's been pretty consistent that way and I thought he did a good job on Saturday. He'll keep getting better the more he plays."

"Addy has some of the best hands I've ever seen," Diante Vines added on Tuesday. "He makes great catches all the time."

For the duo and the position unit, expectations remain the same from the top.

"It's no different than a week ago or a couple years ago," Ferentz said. "We just want everybody to do their best, keep working and play as well as they can play."

"Johnny Pascuzzi is a guy that jumped in there and did a good job, too. So, we like to have four guys at least that we can put in the game, and Erick has done a good job and he's a veteran guy, too. The group will be fine -- we're just better with Luke."

At the end of the day, there's no replacing a player like Lachey.

"No one's Luke Lachey, the kid is a hell of a player," Stilianos said. "But we're going to do our damn best to play for him and try to make this offense go like he can."

Publisher: The Gazette
Title: Logan Jones Stays Humble Amidst Hard Work
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IOWA CITY -- Before he was one of the biggest players on the field, Iowa center Logan Jones was the smallest.

Jones signed up in second grade for a tackle-football team in Council Bluffs, Iowa. While admitting he was always a bigger kid growing up, Jones said he was the tiniest guy in cleats that day.

It only took one play for Jones to regret his decision to put on a helmet.

"I was probably playing safety or linebacker or something, and these two dudes just absolutely lit me up," Jones said. "I just got absolutely destroyed, and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I hate this. This is ridiculous.'"

Four years later, Jones was the one delivering the hits. The sixth grader was a striper, meaning that he exceeded the league weight limit and wasn't allowed to touch the ball.

There was one exception to the rule — kicking.

Jones' mother, Larae, told *The Daily Iowan* one instance where Jones booted a kickoff, then sprinted downfield and tackled the returner as soon as he caught the ball.

Once a boy who was knocked around by others, Jones grew to be a unique physical talent who could adapt seamlessly between and within sports. Yet such talent arrived with strict dedication and a will to succeed, a devotion that the Hawkeye offensive lineman carries with him off the field.

Curious adventuring

One of Larae's objectives in parenting was to not let her son play too many video games. As a result, she limited Jones' screen time by encouraging the boy to play outside. The young Jones eventually became fond of the outdoors and spent most of his time on the swings at the park or on the concrete shooting baskets.

Larae described her son as having an inquisitive side to him, adding that sometimes such curiosity led to a little mischief. When Jones was four years old, he pulled the fire alarm at the family's apartment complex, causing an evacuation of the entire building.

The firefighters who arrived on the scene gave Jones a talking-to about his actions, but their words didn't have much effect. Just a few years later, Jones committed the same act at a hotel his family was staying at. Once again, the building had to be emptied.

"I think he learned his lesson because he got in a little bit of trouble for that one," Larae said. "Ever since he was little he just was always needing or wanting to do something. Always on the go, [he had] busy hands."

Jones' distaste for sitting still fueled what his mom called an "unreal" work ethic. Constantly asking for extra practice reps, Jones divided his spare time between football, basketball, and track and field. Such determination and well-roundedness didn't go unnoticed.

Strength, speed, and effort

Justin Kammrad has been on the coaching staff of Lewis Central High School since 2014 and has been the head varsity coach since 2019, the year of Jones' graduation. Kammrad said how he remembers scouting a middle-school-aged Jones, but not on the football field. For the coach, what stood out about Jones was his speed, noting how the lineman was a 100-meter and 200-meter champion in junior high.

"There weren't many guys who were going to outrun him," the coach said.

Such speed served Jones well while on the Titans, especially in the pass rush. Kammrad explained how the staff could line Jones up on the edge as a defensive lineman, knowing that he could easily chase down any mobile quarterback.

Always up for competition, Jones tested his speed countless times in races against Lewis Central's quarterback, Max Duggan, who led TCU to the College Football Playoff last season. Weighing in at 250-260 pounds, Jones couldn't beat the former Horned Frog but always held a close gap.

After playing mostly at the center position during his freshman and sophomore years of high school, Jones made the switch to offensive tackle as an upperclassman to make room for other talented players. During those two years, the Titans went a combined 21-3 while advancing to the state semifinals twice.

Even playing on the offensive line, Jones made a hefty contribution to the defensive side of the ball over his final two years, with 82 tackles, 36.5 tackles for loss, and 19 sacks, and being crowned the state's Lineman of the Year each season.

The college offers came rolling in during the summer of 2017. First in the wave was Minnesota in July, followed by Iowa State less than two months later. Iowa came calling the following March. And by the time Nebraska got around to extending a scholarship, it was already too late.

Jones was committed to the Hawkeyes.

Humble record-setter

Throughout the recruiting process, Kammrad said Jones never posted his accomplishments on social media and wasn't focused on trying to get as many offers as possible.

"He's a team-first person. He's not an 'I' person at all" Kammrad said. "He's not going to talk a whole lot about what he does unless you ask him about it."

Indeed, Jones lets his play and his work ethic speak for themselves.

When asked to describe Jones, one of the first things many will say about him would be "he's quiet." Kammrad said Jones wasn't much of a vocal person, but when the pads came on, the lineman made plenty of noise.

Whether against in-game foes or his own teammates in practice, Jones never hesitated to provide all-out effort. When blocking, Kammrad said Jones would "put guys on roller skates," driving defenders 10-15 yards downfield and into the ground

"The older and stronger he got, the louder the thud was on the ground when he was taking people [down]," Kammrad said.

Aside from getting reps in against live competition, Jones would spend just as much time on individual work. Kammrad recalled how often, after a two-and-a-half-hour practice, every player and coach would depart the field except for Jones. For an extra half-hour, Jones would hit the seven-man blocking sled, working on hand placement, drive, and his first step.

The same sense of determination applied to the weight room, as Jones broke nearly every Lewis Central lifting record, and spent his upperclassmen years competing against himself.

Iowa linebacker Jay Higgins said he kept tabs on all-state lineman during Jones' recruiting process, noting that Jones was one of the quietest guys on the team. Referring to Jones as an "absolute beast," Higgins "quickly realized he was the most hard-working dude."

Even though Jones narrowly lost to Hawkeye right tackle Gennings Dunker in the hay bale toss over the summer, he still holds Iowa's all-time max squat record at 700 pounds. In addition, Jones said he can bench press 425 pounds and hang-clean 470.

Yet according to Larae, her son never told her about his squat record until one day she and Jones were walking together inside the Hansen Performance Center when she noticed his name on the record board.

"'Mom, it's not that big of a deal,'" Larae remembers her son saying. "'I broke the record.'"

"Well, no kidding," Larae replied. "Why didn't you tell me?"

"'Well, I'm just doing what I'm supposed to.'"

Jones' ability doesn't stop at mere strength. The three-year letterman in basketball still remembers his first dunk, and in spite of being many pounds heavier than he was, the 6-foot-3, 290-pounder insists he can still get above the rim.

"I'm the best hooper in the offensive line room," Jones said, smiling. "Nobody believes it, but I definitely am."

Off the field, Jones may not win at every activity he does, but never shies away from competition. Whether it is playing Flappy Golf 2 with Hawkeye defensive lineman Ethan Hurkett and Joe Evans in Iowa City, or board games with his family back home, Jones' passion and energy are plain to see.

According to Larae, Jones will get loud and "jump out of his seat" playing the card game Kemps. No matter if it's on the field or at the table, Jones wants his team to win. This attitude allowed the lineman to adapt, and midway through his career with the Hawkeyes, such flexibility was necessary.

After redshirting his freshman season and missing most of his sophomore campaign with a knee injury, Jones, then a defensive lineman, was the subject of many rumors. It was the spring of 2022, and former standout Iowa center Tyler Linderbaum had been selected 25th overall by the Baltimore Ravens in the NFL Draft.

The common belief around the facility was that Jones would be the heir apparent to the 2021 unanimous All-American selection despite not having played the position since high school. The lineman didn't know what to believe, until one day he was eating lunch at the All-American room in the facility, only to have an unexpected guest in Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz.

"Coach Feretnz said, 'Logan, can I talk to you?' And I was like, 'Oh it's real,'" Jones remembers. Ferentz introduced the idea of changing positions but gave the lineman some time to think about it.

Linderbaum also transitioned to the center spot during his collegiate career, and his success gave Jones plenty of evidence to make the switch. The current pro talked with Jones and told him he should "obviously switch positions."

Larae remembers Jones calling her about the possible shift. Asking her son how he felt, Jones told her he would miss playing for Iowa defensive line coach Kelvin Bell, but at the end of the day, would do "whatever was in the best interest of our team."

After only playing in two collegiate games, Jones' goal wasn't to attack the quarterback, but to rather keep him protected. Now at center, the lineman had not only Linderbaum's position to fill, but also a complex, critical position to remaster.

From not being allowed to touch the ball back in his youth, Jones would be the one touching the ball on every offensive down. The success of any play all started with how well he delivered the ball to the quarterback and how accurately he could read defensive fronts. A high snap or not making the correct call could kill the play before it even began.

That first season at center was one of strict memorization for Jones. The lineman said at this year's spring practice that he didn't really know the purpose behind the nuances of the position, and at times was lacking in confidence.

Snapping a ball too early, or making an incorrect call was frustrating for the then-21-year-old, but this dissatisfaction didn't quell his desire to improve. Working with Iowa offensive line coach George Barnett, Hawkeye backup center Tyler Elsbury, and even former NFL offensive lineman James Ferentz over the offseason, Jones said has become more in tune with his fundamentals and "slowed things down" at the line of scrimmage.

"He's first-class in every way," Kirk Ferentz said of Jones. "You'd never know right now, the shortness of his duration [at the center position] because he makes it look pretty easy … Every rep is going to help him because he takes it the right way."

When the center isn't dedicated to keeping quarterback Cade McNamara's uniform clean, he's keeping an eye out for his mom and older sister, Madysen.

Larae said when she's in town, Jones will offer up his house for his mom to stay at, and when she makes the three-hour drive back to Council Bluffs, her son will always call to make sure she gets home safely.

For Larae, her son and daughter are each other's "biggest supporters." Jones will still call her if he needs advice, or simply when he wants to make sure that his clothes match.

When Jones had surgery on his knee in 2021, COVID-19 restrictions only allowed one family member to be at the hospital. Madysen assumed this one person would be her. When Larae told her otherwise, her daughter was less than pleased.

“She didn’t even end up going with me, she was so mad at me,” Larae remembered.

A few weeks following the operation, Jones was back in Iowa City, but had difficulty getting to and from his classes. In response, Madysen, who was attending the University of South Dakota at the time, drove the five hours to Iowa City, staying with her brother for the last week of school and driving him around.

Jones remembers his mom and sister being at every one of his games, home or away. Even when he wasn’t going to see the field, they would still be supporting him from the stands.

“It’s always been us three,” Jones said. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without the help of my mom and sister.”

On the wall of his bedroom at home, Jones has a taped-up sign that says “What’s your why?” For Jones, his goal of self-improvement wasn’t to show off to others, but to support the betterment of his two teams: the Hawkeyes and his family.

As Larae always told him, “‘Don’t be flashy about things, just go to work.’”

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Title: Nick DeJong, after 'sticking with it' experiences success as starting left guard
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IOWA CITY — Kirk Ferentz saw it in Nick DeJong.

The realization happened maybe "three years ago now" as the offensive lineman was coming off the indoor practice field at the Hansen Football Performance Center.

"I saw something," Ferentz said. "I'm not sure he saw it."

Eventually, DeJong "figured out maybe he can do this and do it successfully," too.

Now, what Ferentz first saw and DeJong discovered as well is on display for everyone to see.

Once a walk-on, DeJong has found success as Iowa's starting left guard through the first two games while sharing snaps with Miami (Ohio) transfer Rusty Feth.

While the line as a whole still has some work to do in the run game, the Pella native's pass blocking efficiency is 98.7, according to Pro Football Focus — the highest in his career since he became a starter.

DeJong's efficiency rating was 95.3 and 96.8 in his previous two seasons with substantial playing time. For perspective, now-NFL center Tyler Linderbaum's pass blocking efficiency was 99.1 in his last year at Iowa.

Ferentz especially noticed DeJong's improvement last spring.

"Really you could see the confidence growing," Ferentz said. "He was more consistent with his techniques."

It was perhaps partly because DeJong's health was a plus rather than an impediment during the key developmental period.

"He's dealt with a lot of injuries … like a lot of guys," Ferentz said. "Last spring was the first time he ran the whole race — 15 days, every practice."

DeJong takes pride in "sticking with it" since arriving on campus in 2019.

"Obviously five years in the Iowa football program is not necessarily easy," DeJong said.

DeJong is the one offensive lineman from Iowa's original 2019 recruiting class to still have a major role on the team despite arriving as the one without a scholarship.

Ezra Miller spent one year at Iowa before transferring to Nebraska, where he did not have a scholarship and rarely saw the field. Tyler Endres did not see any game action in his Hawkeye career. Noah Fenske transferred to Colorado (and then eventually Southern Illinois) after appearing in one game in his two seasons in Iowa City.

Justin Britt was the only other offensive lineman from DeJong's class to start a game. He started in three games and appeared in eight others in 2021, but injuries derailed his college career. He was put on medical scholarship after last season.

Along with the "Iowa mentality" and family support, DeJong also credited offensive line coach George Barnett for his growth and success.

"Obviously, he's improved me as a football player," DeJong said. "But in terms of my mentality, outlook, whatever you want to call that, I think he has definitely had a huge impact on that."

DeJong saw small chunks of playing time earlier in his career — he appeared in one game as a true freshman and seven as a redshirt freshman — and then saw a dramatic increase in his role as a sophomore.

The early playing time was a "good thing" for his career development.

"In the moment, maybe it didn't always feel like a good thing," DeJong said with a laugh. "But it taught me things in a way that maybe you wouldn't be able to learn necessarily if you weren't in there. … Right now, I can look back and say there's a lot of things that I know and are able to do now because of those experiences."

He appeared in all 14 games as a sophomore and made nine starts. He appeared in 12 of Iowa's 13 games as a junior last year while making eight starts.

DeJong's contributions to the line have come from the left and right sides.

His eight starts last year came at three different positions — five at left guard, two at right guard and one at right tackle. In 2021, he started seven games at right tackle and two games at left tackle.

"The most difficult part is just the stance," DeJong said regarding switching sides. "It feels a little weird when you're going from one side to the other, but everything else is the same."

Switching between guard and tackle was not as much of an imposition for DeJong as it might be for other offensive linemen.

"There's definitely things that transfer," DeJong said. "The way that offensive line is taught here, it's not necessarily position-specific in terms of fundamentals and stuff like that."

DeJong is part of a 2023 offensive line with more experience than in past years.

Five players — DeJong, Feth, Mason Richman, Connor Colby and Logan Jones — have started at least 15 games at the FBS level going into Week 3.

Last year, Iowa did not have any offensive linemen with 15 career starts until the Week 3 game, when Richman started his 15th game. At this time two years ago, Linderbaum was the only offensive lineman with 15-plus starts.

More experience on the field also means more group bonding time off the field.

Board and card games are popular among the offensive linemen when they're away from the football facility. "Secret Hitler" is a favorite.

"The name — yeah, I know, it sounds really bad," center Jones said. "But it's a very fun board game."

The rules are complicated, but Jones said "you got to be a good liar" to be good at it.

"We have a few dictators in those games — their voices are the loudest — so they always end up winning," DeJong said.

Now, it's up to DeJong and the rest of Iowa's offensive line to make a loud impact on the football field, especially on the ground after averaging a Big Ten-worst 3.1 yards per carry through the first two games.

"There hasn't been a day where we come out and we're just feet back, feet up on the table, leaning back, enjoying things," DeJong said. "We're coming out every day excited and eager to not only practice, but get better and get to where we want to be."

Publisher: Our Esquina
Title: Sebastian Castro credits grandparents who helped raise him
Author: Jose de Jesus Ortiz
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Jose and Teresa Gonzalez's home was always full of people and love. Some might say it was even crowded with three generations under one roof, usually totaling at least 10 people. University of Iowa senior Sebastian Castro and his older brother Roque shared a bed with their mother Ruby Gonzalez until the future college football players grew too big for all three to sleep in the same bed.

Sebastian Castro was only a month old when his father was sent off to prison, leaving Ruby Gonzalez with a four-year-old and a baby to raise by herself. Sebastian and Roque Castro eventually settled into their maternal grandparents' home.

In that household in the Chicago suburb of Oak Lawn, Ill., you'll find the foundation that gave Sebastian Castro the patience that kept him in Iowa City and, ultimately, led to his breakout performance last Saturday for the Hawkeyes.

That is where the Big Ten Conference's Defensive Player of the Week learned to play football and much more.

"I'm appreciative of my family," Sebastian Castro says. "They're always in the back of my mind. Even though I don't live there, I just know who I do it for. At the end of the day, it's all about family.

"It was a lot of fun growing up. I was the baby of the family, the youngest one. I'm very family oriented because of that."

Castro's grandfather has attended only one of his games at Iowa. His grandmother has attended a few games, but his mom and brother don't miss any games at Kinnick Stadium. His brother, mother, aunt Victoria Gonzalez and a family friend drove from the Chicago suburbs to Ames, Iowa, to watch the Hawkeyes face rival Iowa State last Saturday.

A shot of joy

A few plays before Sebastian got the first interception of his career, Ruby vowed to take a shot if her boy made the interception.

"I just have a feeling he's going to do something big," Ruby told the group. "I have a feeling it's going to be a Pick-6."

Then she watched in awe as Sebastian intercepted the pass and ran it back 30 yards for a touchdown, pushing the Hawkeyes' lead to 17-0 after the PAT. As Sebastian Castro got closer to the end zone, the tears began to flow for the lady who had her first baby at 17.

"We were all getting emotional," Roque said. "It was a sense of relief."

Sebastian had no idea where his family was sitting, so he couldn't acknowledge them. But they all knew why they were all so emotional.

It has been a long, difficult road for all of them, after all. The journey to Iowa City began in Guadalajara and Zacatecas, Mexico. Jose Gonzalez was born in Texas, but his family moved back to Mexico when he was very young. Teresa Gonzalez is from the small town of Monte Escobedo, Zacatecas. Jose was a fireman before moving back from Mexico when he was 18.

Teresa immigrated to the U.S. at 17 years old in 1975. The couple met in Chicago. They married in 1977 when Jose was 36 and Teresa was 19.

Jose worked construction in Illinois while he and his wife raised their five daughters.

"He's just very quiet and works, and he loves his family," Sebastian says of his grandfather. "He's the provider and protector of his family. I always looked up to him."

Sebastian was four years old when his grandparents moved the family from Chicago to Oak Lawn, Ill. They settled in a modest home on a cul de sac. Roque Castro learned to play tackle football on the field outside their home. He eventually taught his brother.

Sebastian is certain the hard tackles he delivered and endured early in life in front of his house helped prepare him for Division I football.

“We didn’t play with pads,” he said. “I got used to the physicality. We played tackle. We didn’t care.”

Inspired by the Chicago Bears

Sebastian and Roque spent most of their free time playing sports outside until nightfall with the neighborhood kids. When they weren’t playing outside, they were usually visiting their friends’ homes.

They were hesitant to bring friends over to play at their house, though, because they shared a bedroom with their mom.

“For a while it was kind of like embarrassing,” Roque said. “It was embarrassing to invite your friends over.”

As the boys grew older and more confident, though, they realized there was no shame in their humble, loving home. Nonetheless, the brothers aspire to buy their mother a home one day. By eighth grade, Sebastian began to take football seriously.

He followed the Chicago Bears religiously. Sebastian, who is called Mario by his immediate family, arrived at Iowa with hopes of playing in the NFL.

The 5-foot-11, 205-pounder was a star quarterback and defensive back at Richards High, the same school that produced Basketball Hall of Famer Dwayne Wade.

Although Iowa and Illinois border each other, Castro didn’t know anything about the Hawkeye state before he stepped foot on the beautiful Iowa City campus as a high school junior.

A new world

His high school coach wanted him to take a visit to **Iowa**. Castro was hesitant.

“‘Why go visit over there?’ That’s what I was thinking,” he says.

Syracuse, Iowa State and Minnesota had already offered Castro a scholarship before he took a visit to Iowa. Castro’s coach told him he would need to visit Iowa before the Hawkeyes would offer him a scholarship.

With his brother as a chaperone, Castro attended a junior day at Iowa for football recruits. Castro remembers that nobody was saying much to him during the first few hours of the campus tour. Toward the end of the tour, assistant coach Brian Ferentz introduced himself and soon mentioned that the Hawkeyes were going to offer Castro a scholarship.

“Of course I was excited because I saw what Iowa was about,” Sebastian Castro said. “I wanted to commit right away. I fell in love with the program. Listening to them talk about the work and dedication and how they’re going to help me get to the League, that’s how I chose.”

Castro signed with Iowa. Then he waited for playing time. He redshirted as a freshman and then saw action in only one game in 2020. Castro saw limited action as a redshirt sophomore, making only six tackles in 2021.

He now starts in the CASH position, which is essentially a nickel back. It’s a defensive back-linebacker position for a guy strong enough to take on linemen and fast enough to cover receivers.

Castro started seven of the 13 games in which he played for the Hawkeyes last year, collecting his first sack, two forced fumbles and 33 tackles.

“I got way more, I guess, experience and knowledge about life and not just football,” he said. “It took me forever. I got really humbled being at Iowa. Iowa is a developmental program. It took me more time to be on the field.

“I was a star player in high school, and I’m thinking I’m going to walk into Iowa and just start. I had the talent, but I wasn’t a good player. It was hard for me to accept that as an 18-year-old, 19-year-old, 20-year-old.”

Like his *abuelo* (grandfather), though, Castro just kept working. He had a family to represent, after all.

“The credit goes for a guy sticking it out and keep banging away,” Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz says. “That’s a fun part about Saturday. You think about all the time he was on the scout team or the times he was playing special teams, not really out there defensively for us.

“Now for him, I don’t want to call it a bonus or reward, but it’s a nice play. I never scored a touchdown, I know that. Pretty cool for a defensive guy to score a touchdown.”

Now that players can transfer once without having to sit out a season at their new school, many players in Castro’s situation would have been tempted to transfer. Castro, however, preferred to work and fight for playing time.

He still hopes to play the NFL, so he knew he had to improve. Castro didn’t make excuses.

“I just wasn’t the player they needed me to be,” he says. “I was honest that I just wasn’t good enough to be on the field just to perform. So I made a deal with myself that until you start playing at a high level consistently all the time you don’t have the right to transfer. I felt if I did (transfer) I would regret it.”

Castro is on pace to graduate from Iowa in December. He is finishing what he started. He’s close to accomplishing something that he and his brother admittedly didn’t even dare dream about for much of their childhood.

Castro’s grandparents didn’t attend college, and neither did his mom. Football, though, was the reason the Castro boys began to consider college. Nobody in their family talked to them about college growing up.

A path to an education for Sebastian Castro

Roque was a junior in high school when coaches began to tell him that he could play football in college. He played collegiately at St. Xavier, an NAIA school.

Ruby Gonzalez cried when her oldest boy graduated from college, becoming the first in her immediate family to get a degree. She had more tears of joy when her youngest had his first interception at Iowa.

From a humble beginning in a shared bedroom in Illinois to Kinnick Stadium, Ruby and her boys continue to make endearing memories while keeping family first.

Publisher: The Athletic
Title: Nick Jackson providing Iowa defense with versatility, leadership
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — At Virginia, Nick Jackson had the reputation as the ultimate leader. A team captain, Jackson was the player who answered questions from his teammates and guided the Cavaliers with his presence and his brilliance.

"He's a great player, on and off the field," said former Virginia teammate Dontayvion Wicks, now a receiver with the Green Bay Packers. "He's a great team leader. He's always there to help, not just himself, but teammates and younger teammates. He's always consistent every day."

After a pair of 100-tackle seasons that twice earned him second-team All-ACC honors, Jackson is the one leaning on his teammates. He graduated from Virginia in May, transferred to Iowa in June and is learning a new defense for the third straight season. To say it's an adjustment is an understatement for the fifth-year linebacker.

"Being at Virginia for four years, I mean, you pretty much know where everyone's gonna be," Jackson said. "You know how your D-line is gonna react. You know how your D-line is gonna be in the gaps and you know how your back end is gonna play everything.

"Being here, you can get a good feel for it in practice. But then in the game, it's a little different."

Jackson (6-foot-1, 237 pounds) has started both games for No. 25 Iowa at weakside linebacker. In the Hawkeyes' opener against an uptempo Utah State offense, Jackson was locked in coverage almost the entire game. After preparing for multiple tight ends all week, the defense was surprised to deal with four-receiver sets the entire game. He finished with five tackles and struggled at times to work within the scheme.

Fellow inside linebacker Jay Higgins went out of his way to defend Jackson after the opener. As the middle linebacker, Higgins made 16 tackles. Jackson was out of position on an early pass but then caught on to the route by the game's conclusion.

"If you look at the stat sheet, it's gonna say he had a quiet game," Higgins said. "But I mean the guy was in coverage the whole game and as a linebacker, I would rather make tackles than guard people."

Last week at Iowa State, Jackson was back in his element as an inside linebacker. He finished with nine tackles and established a physical presence. It's not easy for any player to work in such different roles — especially a transfer trying to learn a new defense.

"He was playing all coverage Week 1, and in Week 2, we're like, all right, now you need to get in the run game for us," Higgins said. "It's a true testament to him. A guy who's so decorated, like he has tackles under his belt, so the kid knows what he's doing."

At Virginia, Jackson compiled 368 tackles over four seasons, including 20 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks. He was voted a team captain in 2022 and led the ACC in tackles per game. That came one season removed from pacing the conference with 117 total tackles.

With one season of eligibility left, Jackson had eyes on building his resume toward an NFL career. He was on track to graduate with a commerce degree but wanted to play for a top-level defense. He checked out Oklahoma and Iowa. The Hawkeyes led the nation in average yards allowed per play last year and featured the Butkus Award winner in Jack Campbell. Once he visited, Jackson knew Iowa was a place to grow.

"There's tradition. There's legacy," Jackson said. "There's everything that you want in a football program right here. When I met the coaches and I met the staff and I got around the players, that was really evident. I thought that it was a great opportunity on both parties."

There's a challenge in playing for a third defensive coordinator in three seasons. From verbiage to priorities, everything is different. It's easy for Jackson to revert back to old terminology, which can cause confusion for everyone. But like what Jackson did at Virginia for four seasons, it's now his new teammates' turn to help him work through turbulence.

"It's all about trust," Higgins said. "I trust that he's gonna be in the right spot. I trust that he can handle the communication. At the base of it, it's all the same stuff. He was doing what we were doing at Virginia, but now we've just got a different name for it. In the heat of the moment, he might give out a term that's from Virginia, but I know what he's talking about."

"I think the curve has just been like, we might call one thing at Virginia apples, and we call it one thing here oranges," Jackson said. "The whole thing is still new. You're just still learning how to play within the system. But there's a lot of similarities and parallels. Cover 4 is going to be Cover 4 wherever you go."

In the Big Ten, Jackson thought he'd see plenty of downhill power running games, which will come in due time. He will be an asset in that style of football, according to former Virginia and Michigan center Olu Oluwatimi, now with the Seattle Seahawks. Oluwatimi, who transferred to Michigan in 2022, said Jackson is "gonna play physical and he's gonna know what the opposing offense is doing." With each practice and every game, Jackson is a step closer to becoming that player — and more — in all situations.

"You're just going to continue to see gradual improvement from week in and week out," Iowa assistant defensive coordinator Seth Wallace said. "I don't want to say he's drinking out of a fire hose because he certainly isn't because there's a lot of football that he's played in the past. But trying to marry some of the stuff from the past to the present is not a challenge. It's just a work in progress."

Publisher: Hawk Fanatic
Title: Jay Higgins being rewarded for his patience, loyalty and unselfishness
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IOWA CITY, Iowa – College football needs more student-athletes like Jay Higgins.

In addition to being a tough and talented linebacker for the Iowa Hawkeyes, Higgins is also an outlier in that he has been willing to wait for his opportunity rather than leave in search for instant gratification.

While many student-athletes enter the transfer portal at the first sign of hardship or frustration, Higgins was determined to stay the course at Iowa, even if it meant not being a starter until his senior season.

His parents raised him to finish what he started and to trust the process.

And now Higgins is being rewarded for his unselfishness, patience, and his loyalty as he leads Iowa with 23 tackles heading into Saturday's game against Western Michigan at Kinnick Stadium.

Higgins had a career-high 16 tackles in the 24-14 victory over Utah State in the season opener, and followed that with seven stops in last Saturday's 20-14 win at Iowa State.

"I remember the last time we were at Iowa State, and I had no shot at getting out there," Higgins said. "So, it's just fun to be out there and fun to lead the defense. It's just fun to play.

"That was probably the biggest thing I missed, just playing football and it's been a while. So, any opportunity I get, I'm going to make sure that I definitely don't take it for granted."

Higgins has appeared in 34 games as a Hawkeye, so he wasn't just watching from the bench during games prior to this season.

He contributed on special teams and helped to fill the void when former Iowa linebacker Jestin Jacobs transferred to Oregon after the 2021 season.

The problem for Higgins is that he came to Iowa one year after Jack Campbell had become a Hawkeye and two years after Seth Benson joined the team.

Campbell and Benson both would become three-year starters at linebacker for Iowa, and Campbell now ranks among the best linebackers in program history.

He was named the 2022 Butkus Award winner, which goes to the nation's top collegiate linebacker, and was also selected in the first round of the 2023 NFL draft by the Detroit Lions.

So, Higgins knew what he was up against, and that made being patient a little easier.

"When there's good guys in front of you, I wish nothing but success for those guys," Higgins said. "I was happy for those guys every time they had a good game.

"And I just knew that my time would come eventually. And I didn't want to be the guy that didn't learn from those guys while they were here."

Higgins, who is from Indianapolis, also appreciates how he was recruited because the Iowa coaches, primarily Kelvin Bell and Seth Wallace, were up front and honest with him. They told him what he needed to hear rather than what he wanted to hear.

They told him what to expect from playing for Kirk Ferentz, and from having Phil Parker as your defensive coordinator.

They told Higgins that if he were looking for instant gratification, or for an easy path to playing time, then Iowa probably wasn't the best fit for him.

They promised him that if he worked hard and was willing to stay the course that an opportunity to start would eventually come, but only if he deserved it.

That honest approach made a strong impression on the 6-foot-2, 233-pound Higgins, and is a big reason he never has considered transferring.

“I had too much respect for coach Wallace, and I understood the process with coach Ferentz and with coach Parker,” Higgins said. “I understood what type of program I committed to. If we were a program that was all about the instant gratification, then maybe I would have left. But that’s not what they sold me on when they were recruiting me.

“So, I just remember what they told me, and I remember what coach Bell told me when he recruited me. It’s easy to say one thing but my opportunity and my circumstance, I actually had to live it and stay patient.”

Higgins was one of three players that represented Iowa at Big Ten Media Day in late July.

It was a homecoming for him as the event was held in Indianapolis.

Higgins wasn’t originally picked to attend the event, but defensive tackle Noah Shannon declined his invitation due to being linked to an investigation into sports wagering, which has since led to Shannon being suspended for the entre 2023 season.

Shannon suggested that Higgins should go in his place, and that says a lot about how his teammates feel about Higgins since he had only started one game before this season.

Higgins relished the opportunity represent Iowa in his hometown, partly because he knew how proud it made his father.

“He’s always been one of my biggest supporters,” Higgins said of his father. “Any opportunity I can to make him proud, I just love doing it for him.”

Higgins plays alongside graduate transfer linebacker Nick Jackson, whose path to becoming a starter for the Hawkeyes is much different than how Higgins became a starter.

Jackson played four seasons for Virginia where he had 368 career tackles and made second-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference last season. Jackson also started 35 of the 48 games in which he played for Virginia.

Jackson stayed the course at Virginia, but he wanted a chance to play his final season somewhere else.

He wanted to play for a rock-solid defense, and where there was an opportunity to play a significant role.

Iowa certainly met those requirements.

“I’m still learning through all the ins and outs and just making adjustments every single day,” said Jackson, who ranks fourth on the team with 14 tackles. “Coach Wallace and Jay have been really great in my development and doing the scheme. I think that every single day I’m just trying to be better for this team.”

Higgins used to mostly be known, at least on social media, for being the son of Roy Higgins, whose presence on X, formally known as Twitter, has made him a favorite with Hawkeye fans.

Roy Higgins’ phrase “Hawk, Hawk, Hawk” has become a rallying cry for Hawkeye fans.

Roy’s influence goes far beyond social media, however, and his son is proof of that.

Roy and his wife, Shelley, taught Jay to appreciate hard work and they both set examples for him to follow.

Like any proud father, Roy wanted his son to play sooner, and it wasn’t always easy waiting for that opportunity.

But Roy trusted the process, and the Iowa coaches, just like his son.

“My dad, he’s a big fan,” Jay Higgins said. “He was getting a little antsy my junior year, but he stayed calm.

“They just taught me to rust the process. They taught me what hard and sacrifice look like. So, I just felt comfortable staying here and working hard.”

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Title: Kirk Ferentz's milestone shows he's still winning the race against time
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IOWA CITY — More than half a decade ago, Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz and his wife, Mary, got into a limousine.

The couple was in Monaco for the Laureus World Sports Awards in 2018. Iowa's "Touchdowns for Kids" campaign, which included the iconic Kinnick Wave, was nominated for an honor.

Mary remembers being accompanied in a limo by Steve Redgrave and Emerson Fittipaldi. Redgrave, a British rower, won gold in five consecutive Olympics. Fittipaldi, a Brazilian race car driver, twice won the Indianapolis 500, both coming after he turned 40.

That day, Mary listened to them.

"They were talking about age vs. youth and just how you lose a little of your physical edge as you age but you more than compensate for it in the mental edge and the wisdom that you have," Mary recalls about that conversation. "How they were able to compete and remain champions even though physically older and losing their edge. Their mental edge compensated for it."

That conversation was especially relevant on Saturday. In vintage Iowa fashion, the Hawkeyes used great defense and superior special teams to grind their way to a 20-13 victory over in-state rival Iowa State. The win also marked a milestone: Kirk Ferentz's 200th career win.

The day after Iowa's win over Iowa State, that memory from Monaco years ago came up in the Ferentz household. It can serve as a reminder of what Ferentz has accomplished and, perhaps equally so, the unique intersection where Iowa's head coach exists.

Ferentz turned 68 last month. In a profession where moving from one job to another is the norm, Ferentz is now in his 25th season as Iowa's head coach. The Hawkeyes' current starting quarterback, Cade McNamara, was not yet born when Ferentz was named Iowa's head coach in the fall of 1998.

This fact is not meant to demean Ferentz but rather to paint a picture of his longevity. For better or for worse, the dynamics of college sports are vastly different than even a few years ago. The transfer portal and Name, Image and Likeness have changed the landscape. Conferences are shifting.

And yet, Ferentz has not only survived but thrived. Only once since 2008 has Iowa not been bowl-eligible. Iowa has recorded 10 wins in two of the last four seasons. Since the beginning of the 2018 season, Iowa is 45-18.

Ferentz is winning the race against the clock.

"Why do I coach? It's easy," Ferentz said in July. "It's because that's what I really like doing and nobody has told me to sit down yet. So at some point, they will. And if they do, that'll be the time. That's the good thing about this job — other people will let you know when it's time to take a seat. It's invigorating. It's what I like. It's what I do."

Ferentz was influenced to be a coach by those around him. Ferentz admired his first high school coach, but after his junior year, that coach was fired.

"The guy that came in and replaced him, who I was convinced I was going to hate and not want to be part of it, probably ended up being the most influential person in my life, my professional life," Ferentz said. "Outside of my family, the most influential person in my life. So that's one of the lessons you learn in life in general, you just never know who's going to walk in and impact you."

Ferentz decided to pursue coaching. After spending time as an offensive line coach at Iowa under Hayden Fry, Ferentz took a head coaching job at Maine. His teams were 12-21 over three seasons.

“The good news is in Maine, nobody noticed the mistakes I made,” Ferentz said in 2018. “They were more interested in hunting season at that point. Or the hockey season, probably.”

After a stint as an assistant coach in the NFL, Ferentz returned to Iowa, this time as head coach, leading the Hawkeyes in his first season at the helm in 1999.

Standing in front of reporters following Iowa's win over Iowa State on Saturday, Ferentz correctly recalled that his first win as Iowa’s head coach came against Northern Illinois. Ferentz, though, also added more context.

“I remember it was a long time till the next one,” Ferentz said.

Northern Illinois was Iowa’s only win that season. The Hawkeyes went 1-10. The next wasn’t much better, either. Iowa went 3-9.

“The name of the game is winning,” Mary Ferentz said. “And those are two just really hard, hard seasons. I was just amazed at how strong his shoulders were during those first two seasons here. They were not for the faint of heart. But he just held firm, he stayed the course and inspired the rest of us to do the same, never imagining we’d be here this long. We didn’t think we’d make it to the third year.”

But those first two seasons proved to be the building blocks of a program that has become a consistent contender in the Big Ten. The next two decades have delivered memorable moments — a game-winning Hail Mary to beat LSU in 2005, an Orange Bowl win in 2010, a last-second field goal to beat Michigan in 2016, and so many more.

When interacting with the media, Ferentz often shows personality in witty soundbites.

Last week, while on the doorstep of 200 career wins, Ferentz was asked how much that number would mean: “Not a hell of a lot really, quite frankly,” he said.

Asked Saturday about how many of his 200 wins he can remember, Ferentz said, “I remember the losses better. Just a sick mind. Coaches have sick minds.”

Listen to how his players talk about him, too, and the admiration is apparent.

“He’s a really great coach,” Iowa defensive back Cooper DeJean said. “I think he’s one of the best in the country. I’d do anything for him — for that man. I’m grateful for the opportunity that he gave me to be able to come here and I just want to go out there every Saturday and give it my all for him.”

Mary Ferentz watched Saturday’s game from home. Her nerves, like usual, were wrecked. At Jack Trice Stadium in Ames, Iowa waited in a locker room for Ferentz after the win. They drenched him in water. He held a football in the air with a smile, surrounded by his players.

Later that night, Mary had dozed off watching football while waiting for her husband to come home. After games, they talk about football but also other topics. On Saturday, they just sat down and talked, only mentioning the game briefly. The head coach also polished off pizza and salad from Maggie's Farm Wood-fired Pizza.

"Relieved in a happy way," Mary said.

Saturday was an important chapter in Ferentz's story, but not the final one. Iowa’s 2023 season is still just two games young. Who knows what he still can accomplish?

“I really like what I do,” Ferentz said. “I like the people I’m around. I feel fortunate. If you told me in 1981 that I was going to live 30-plus years in the state of Iowa, I’d say you were absolutely nuts. Out of your mind. So you just never know where life’s going to take you. And I’ve been really lucky.”

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Title: Insatiable work ethic, family support helped Iowa's Joe Evans when odds were against him
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IOWA CITY — The Monday before Iowa football's 2020 game against Wisconsin had a couple pleasant surprises for Joe Evans.

"I had a moped, and it was winter, and my mom didn't have school," Evans said, describing the first surprise. "So she's like, 'Hey, do you want the car for today?' And I was like, 'That'd be great. I don't have to drive my moped around.'"

The second was a little more consequential for the Iowa defensive end. It happened during a special teams portion of practice. The first-teamers were working on kickoffs as Evans watched from the sidelines.

"All of a sudden, I catch Coach (Kirk) Ferentz out of the corner of my eye," Evans said. "He is looking at me and walking straight toward me. So I'm like, 'Did I do something wrong? … What is going on here?'"

But Evans was not doing anything wrong. In fact, it was quite the contrary. After first casually asking Evans about how he was doing and his parents were doing, Ferentz broke the big news.

"I just wanted to let you know we put you on a full-ride scholarship today," Evans said, remembering the conversation.

That moment and many others since then have been a product of the sixth-year senior's insatiable work ethic.

"I don't know if I would have predicted his career would have been this successful, but it's a real tribute to him," Ferentz said Tuesday. "He's worked extremely hard. … He's totally invested."

Evans arrived at Iowa in 2018 as a walk-on linebacker in the same recruiting class as three-star linebacker prospects such as Dillon Doyle, Jayden McDonald and Logan Klemp.

"When you go walk on, you're rolling the dice," said Bruce Vertanen, Evans' high school coach. "I've probably had 50-plus players walk on in Division I programs, and I think about three or four of them have worked their way in the lineup. So the odds were against him, but this is a guy that I would never bet against."

Vertanen, the since-retired head coach at Ames, could be so confident because of the "absolute unparalleled work ethic" he saw from Evans over the previous four years.

"Let's say that you had a day off in the weight room, he would go find some other place to lift," Vertanen said. "No one is going to stop him from working. ... He'll always find some other way to make himself better."

The hard work in high school did not translate to a litany of college scholarship offers like what some of Evans' Iowa teammates experienced. He played quarterback and linebacker in high school, but it was clear "he wasn't going to play quarterback in college."

"It's tough, even for college coaches in recruiting, when you're recruiting a kid who hasn't played the position they think he might play," Vertanen said. "They're looking at him at quarterback, and they're saying, 'Could he be an outside linebacker? Could he be a defensive end? Could he be a fullback? Could he be a tight end?' It's hard to project that."

Evans did not appear in any games as a true freshman linebacker in 2018. He moved to the defensive line during 2019 spring practices and appeared in eight games in the following fall.

It was never more than 20 defensive snaps in a game, per Pro Football Focus, but it was playing time for a redshirt freshman walk-on, nonetheless.

His snap count more than doubled in the 2020 season — the year when Iowa gave him a scholarship — as he played in all eight games of the COVID-19-condensed campaign.

Then Evans' game reached another level in 2021. He tied eventual NFL first-round draft pick Lukas Van Ness for the team lead with seven sacks in his first full season as a scholarship player.

Evans moved into a starting role in 2022 and again shared the team lead in sacks with 6.5.

"I try not to reflect as much just because I really don't want to get down that path of kind of getting in my feelings," Evans said. "It has been quite the journey for me. But for me, I still got one more year left, and I'm just trying to put all my focus into that right now."

Evans is in a leadership role as he enjoys his final year as a Hawkeye.

He was voted as one of the team's four captains in each of the first two weeks of the season (along with quarterback Cade McNamara, tight end Luke Lachey and linebacker Jay Higgins).

"Probably would have been a captain last year except you have guys like (Jack) Campbell," Ferentz said. "We had such a good group of guys last year at the senior end."

The nod as captain "meant the world to me," Evans said.

"That was one of my goals when I came back for my sixth year," Evans said. "Being selected by your teammates to go out and lead the team on the field is something that I cherish and something that I don't take lightly."

Evans has been the one in the middle of pregame huddles firing up his teammates since last year.

"I don't, obviously, think about it all week," Evans said. "It's kind of one of those things that comes to me — like what I think the team needs to hear on that given week."

A "classic" was before Iowa's game at Illinois last year. Iowa ended up suffering a 9-6 loss, but "a lot of guys liked that speech."

"Before the Illinois game, we went and watched the movie 'Smile,'" Evans said, referencing the 2022 horror movie. "So I kind of threw something in with the movie there — like something about doing it with a smile on your face."

As Evans prepares for his last game at Iowa State on Saturday — a couple-mile drive from where he went to high school — he anticipated figuring out what he will say on Friday.

"We have some down time in the hotel, so I'll give it about 30 minutes of thought," Evans said.

Coach Evans?

When Evans' football playing career ends, it might not necessarily be the end of his time around the sport.

"I didn't really know if I'd ever want to be a coach, but coming back for the sixth year and being able to help (the younger guys) through things — it's kind of making me think, 'Oh, maybe I could get into this coaching thing a little bit,'" Evans said. "Maybe high school, or maybe when I have kids, coach youth football or something like that."

Ames High's Vertanen "absolutely" can picture Evans coaching.

"There's a driven, unparalleled work ethic side of him, and then with that, he's a very kind, caring person," Vertanen said. "Which is also an attribute that a coach has to have — to make connections with people."

Evans is quick to credit his family — whether it be its sacrifices for him or its belief in him — for his success at Iowa.

"They've done so much for me," Evans said. "When I first got recruited here, being a walk-on, I remember my dad and my mom pulling me into his office and just saying, 'Don't worry about money. We're going to help you out as much as possible.' They believed in me, and they believed that I could eventually make it out on the field."

Their belief, Evans said, was "everything that I needed."

If Evans is having a "tough day or anything like that," his first calls are "instantly" to his dad and then his mom.

“If I still need to talk, I’ll call my brother,” Evans said. “They’ve always been there for me in difficult situations, and they’ve really been able to help me get through these years.”

His parents moved from Ames to the Iowa City area in 2019 to be closer to Evans and his siblings. Evans goes “over there all the time” and has dinner with them every Thursday.

“It’s the greatest thing ever,” Evans said. “I’m so happy they made the move.”

As for that December day in 2020 when Evans found out he was on scholarship, he was “trying so hard not to have a smile on my face” when his mother picked him up about an hour after his conversation with Ferentz.

It did not take long on the short drive to the Evans family’s house — where he could tell his parents the happy news at the same time — for her to realize something was up. But Evans played it off as just having a “good practice.”

Then Evans told "the best parents in the world“ the news at their home, and he never saw his mother “so excited.”

"My mom starts crying, I start crying and then my dad starts crying,“ said Evans, who rarely is one to shed tears. ”It was definitely a moment I’ll never forget.“

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Title: Kirk Ferentz is on the brink of 200 career wins. Is he a Hall of Famer?
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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Hayden Fry didn't just rebuild the Iowa football program, he rebuilt the tight end position as well.

From the moment Fry had his tight ends stand up on the line of scrimmage, the position has stood out.

At first, it was more of a curiosity because of how strange and unusual it was to see a tight end stand at the line of scrimmage rather than in the traditional three-point stance.

But there was a method to Fry's madness.

He had big plans for the tight end position, and the position has been producing ever since, many times in spectacular fashion.

Kirk Ferentz spent nine seasons as Fry's offensive line coach for Iowa from 1981 to 1989, so Ferentz saw up-close just how valuable the tight end position could be.

Ferentz is now in his 25th season as the Iowa head coach, and the tight end position is as strong as it's ever been at Iowa.

Fry would be proud of how Kirk Ferentz has taken a good thing and made it better, the latest example being the versatile duo of Luke Lachey and Michigan transfer Erick All.

The Ohio natives combined for 10 of Iowa's 17 receptions in last Saturday's 24-14 victory over Utah State in the season opener at Kinnick Stadium, with Lachey catching seven passes for 73 yards, including two critical third-down grabs in the second half, while All caught a three-year touchdown pass in the first quarter.

"Lachey to me is that big physical guy that you don't want to get into a tussle with, but yet, he can go run these routes against corners and safeties and that tells you everything you need to know about him, and then he becomes an absolute matchup nightmare," said former Iowa All-America tight end Marv Cook. "And then you throw in All on the other side, he's a matchup issue as well.

"They've got a dynamic one-two punch."

Cook has the distinction of being the first tight end in program history to be named a consensus All-American, earning that honor as a senior in 1988.

He is one of just two Iowa tight ends to be named a consensus All-American, along with Dallas Clark, who was honored in 2002.

But the list of star tight ends for Iowa is long and distinguished, from Jonathan Hayes to Tony Moeaki to C.J. Fiedorowicz to George Kittle to Noah Fant to T.J. Hockenson to Sam LaPorta, Iowa has certainly earned its title of Tight End U.

And now Lachey looks poised to join the elite group as a fourth-year junior, who just keeps getting better.

"It's super cool and it's humbling definitely," Lachey said of being recognized as an emerging Iowa tight end. "This is the kind of thing you dream of, being a part of something like that.

"I'm not going to say I'm in there. But I'm just going to try and do my best to get in that at some point."

Lachey was recently asked by CBS Sports to name his top Iowa tight ends, and while he mentioned multiple names, the 48-second video that was posted on X, previously known as Twitter, only included six: Marv Cook, George Kittle, C.J. Fiedorowicz, Noah Fant, T.J Hockenson and Sam LaPorta.

"I'll tell you what, I got kind of slammed for that video because I missed all these guys," Lachey said. "But I mentioned way more than they actually put on there."

Lachey said he heard from some of his teammates, but most of the backlash came from social media.

"So, I've got to ignore that stuff at the end of the day," Lachey said. "But I did ignore it."

For Lachey to have named all the star tight ends for Iowa would have taken much longer than 48 seconds.

"It would have been like a five-minute video," said Lachey, who is the son of former Ohio State and NFL offensive lineman Jim Lachey

Cook appreciates that Lachey mentioned him because it would have been easy to overlook a tight end that played for Iowa nearly 40 years ago.

"He understands the game, obviously, his dad was one of the all-time greats collegiately and professionally," Cook said. "So, I think he's got a great history of the game and what it's all about."

Lachey showed star potential last season despite playing in Sam LaPorta's shadow.

Iowa only had seven touchdown receptions last season, but Lachey had four of them. He also finished second team on the team behind LaPorta with 398 receiving yards and third on the team with 28 catches.

Lachey will definitely be a point of emphasis for the Iowa State defense when team teams meet on Saturday in Ames.

"To me, he is the full package," Cook said of the 6-foot-6, 253-pound Lachey.

The same thing also used to be said about Cook, who played seven seasons in the NFL and earned All-Pro recognition, although, Cook considers Lachey to be more complete than he was as a tight end.

"I was an adequate blocker at best," Cook said. "But he is to me, he's physical, but he can run."

George Kittle was hobbled by injuries for much of his career as a Hawkeye tight end, and has been for parts of his current NFL career.

But when healthy, Kittle is a versatile force as a tight end, one of the best at his position in the NFL.

T.J. Hockenson also now ranks among the best NFL tight ends, and he recently signed a four-year contract extension that was initially reported by ESPN's Adam Schefter as being worth $68.5 million over those four years.

"The amazing thing, like George Kittle, he can fly, but he is an incredibly physical, dominant run blocker with his athleticism," Cook said. "And Hockenson is similar. Hockenson is really, really good at all of it.

"Lachey to me is a bigger version of Hockenson. I think he runs pretty well. I think he runs better than you think."

Lachey also has shown that he can make difficult catches in traffic as he did in the second half against Utah State when the Iowa offense was sputtering.

He caught a 31-yard pass from Iowa quarterback Cade McNamara on third down despite having a defender draped all over him.

"The other thing he does incredibly well is just his body awareness when the ball is in the air," Cook said of Lachey.

Cook said there was a stretch during the prime of his career when he played with extreme confidence.

"There was a couple-year stretch where I felt I would always be open for at least a quarter or half second," Cook said. "If the quarterback was willing to throw the ball in the location, I could be open and make the catch because of the way I would position my body coming out of the break against a defender."

Asked if he sees that starting to happen with Lachey, Cook said.

"One-hundred percent."

Lachey credits part of his success as a pass catcher to having played basketball since a young age. He was a four-year letter-winner in basketball in high school.

"I feel like basketball has helped me with that," Lachey said. "Like rebounding and stuff and trying to go and get the rebound at the highest point."

Lachey also played games on his own as kid in which he worked on his ability to catch.

"Growing up, I would just lay on the ground and throw the ball up and down to myself for hours," Lachey said. "I kind of learned to catch just doing that."

As for his ability to catch in traffic, Lachey has a simple explanation for why he excels at that.

"This is a thing that us tight ends talk about is you're going to get hit, so you might as well try to come down with the ball anyway because if you don't catch it, you're still going to get hit," Lachey said. "That's what I try to think about."

Lachey is known for being a good guy away from the football field and his teammates and coaches admire him for that, and for his leadership skills.

He served as one of four team captains for the season opener against Utah State and will also be a captain for the Iowa State game.

But there is also a side of Lachey that is emerging on the football field, much to the delight of Iowa tight end coach Abdul Hodge.

"He's maturing as an overall individual on and off the field, understanding the difference between off the field being a good guy and it's okay when you're on the field to be an —hole," said Hodge, who is a former All-Big Ten linebacker and three-year starter for Iowa. "Luke's been doing a great job playing the game fast and physical. I thought he played a physical game last week.

"Luke's a great guy, but on the field, he gets after it. Obviously, he's a team captain now. He's been a lot more vocal, and he's been doing a great job for us."

Now in his fourth year in the program, Lachey has studied Iowa's history at tight end there are constant reminders of that rich history.

"Hodge also recently made a video that pays tribute to Iowa's tradition of developing star tight ends.

"You feel like you just kind of learn," Lachey said. "Coach Hodge made kind of Tight End U video. It shows a bunch of the guys, the best guys that have ever come through here.

"So, it is really cool, and just nice to learn about the past."

Cook is certainly a big part of Iowa's past at tight end, and he was also on the receiving end of one of the most famous touchdown passes in program history.

It happened in 1987 when Cook, on 4th-and-23, caught a 29-yard touchdown pass from Chuck Hartlieb in the final seconds of the game to defeat Ohio State 29-27 in Columbus, Ohio.

"I've seen that highlight a couple times," Lachey said.

Kirk Ferentz, meanwhile, has seen Lachey improve steadily, first as LaPorta's understudy and now in a leading role.

"Good players just keep getting better," Kirk Ferentz said. "Even when they get older and their skills start to deteriorate, that's why you've got a brain. If you're thinking right and thinking about how you can get better and improve, there's so much to be said for experience if you're doing it the right way.

"Luke's a great young guy. He's starting to feel it. Last year he started taking off, and he's done a great job in the out of season. We expect him to play well. If we're going to have a chance, I say it all the time, our best guys, our most experienced guys have to play better than they did a year ago or we're going to be in a bad place."

The addition of Erick All has made a position of strength even stronger.

All had over 400 receiving yards during Michigan's Big Ten championship season in 2021, and with Cade McNamara throwing to him.

All held a zoom conference with the media on Wednesday and talked about the circumstances surrounding his first touchdown as a Hawkeye.

"It was crazy that being my first catch and it being a touchdown and it being from Cade," All said. "That was pretty surreal."

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Title: A New Chapter for Iowa's WRs, led by Diante Vines life changes
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IOWA CITY – Shortly after Iowa's 21-0 win in the Music City Bowl, Diante Vines enjoyed one more night out with his buddies and then committed himself to a healthier lifestyle.

More vegetables. Asparagus has become the wide receiver's new favorite.

"I wasn't too big of a veggie guy," Vines said.

And he cut out vices like spicy nacho Doritos and alcohol.

"Completely quit drinking. Don't put it near my lips," he said. "I'm off that. I found it was no good for you. I just stay away from it. I feel better on the weekends."

Vines clarified that he wasn't a heavy drinker, but he didn't like how he felt after a night out. Instead of going to the bars, he now stays home and plays video games. And with typical Vines outward confidence, he made sure to mention he's easily the best gamer on the team – in Madden, Mortal Kombat or anything else.

"Whatever you want to play, I'll beat 'em all," he said.

Entering Year 4 with Iowa and at 22 years old with a chance to become a crucial player in the Hawkeyes' embattled offense, Vines basically told himself enough is enough. Nobody harped on him to change. The self-overhaul became necessary, in his mind. He spends more time meditating and praying.

"I just buckled down and realized this is my dream, this is what I want to do," Vines said. "So, I've got to make these sacrifices to be able to accomplish my dream."

Vines' first three years at Iowa were riddled with bad luck. He tore an Achilles tendon as a true freshman in 2020. He was a non-factor in 2021. Then he was starring in fall camp ahead of the 2022 season and broke his hand after trying to break his fall while making a touchdown catch. Vines missed the first six games of the season, then was sprinkled back into the fold and made his first 10 career catches (for a total of 94 yards). But an average of 13.4 receiving yards per game, with no catch longer than 15 yards, wasn't the type of impact he envisioned.

That led to the lifestyle changes – which he's happy to show off.

During his interview, Vines flexed his right biceps muscle to emphasize how he's different.

"You see that? I've got the muscles now. In the weight room a little bit more and the veggies," said Vines, listed at 6 feet and 198 pounds. "It's a good thing to get the veggies in you, eat a lot more protein, stuff like that. My body just feels better. I feel more refreshed, more energized.

"Cutting out the drinking, that's been the biggest part for me. Drinking's no good. Everyone out there, don't drink too much."

Vines' reset is emblematic of Iowa's wide-receivers room, which is completely reshaped from last year's season opener vs. South Dakota State when only one scholarship receiver (Arland Bruce IV) was available.

Now, Iowa feels good about its top four in Vines (who has been predominantly playing the prime "X" spot), sixth-year senior Nico Ragaini (mostly playing the slot) and transfers Seth Anderson (Charleston Southern) and Kaleb Brown (Ohio State). Walk-on Alec Wick, who started last year's season opener, is healthy after an injury but behind those top four.

Head coach Kirk Ferentz called receiver the most improved group on the team, along with the offensive line.

"I think we're in a little better situation right now," Ferentz said. "You have a healthy Nico Ragaini. You have a healthy Diante Vines. Start with those two guys. Two pleasant surprises from the month of August are Seth Anderson (and) Kaleb (Brown).

“Both those guys have the potential to really improve and climb if they keep practicing like they have. … We're a lot further down the road than we were a year ago.”

Ragaini, 24, is in a similar situation as his Connecticut cohort Vines. Ragaini’s injury history has been rough since he had a 46-catch season in 2019, including a back injury in 2021 and a foot injury that slowed him for much of the 2022 season. That foot issue has cropped up again this offseason, but he’s back at practice and feeling good ahead of Saturday’s 11 a.m. opener vs. Utah State.

Ragaini said some care packages and notes from his mother, Josanna, lifted his spirits as he was sidelined during fall camp. About 25 Ragaini friends and family will be in attendance Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

“Even mentally, for yourself, when you’re not healthy and having to play games, it kind of sucks,” Ragaini said. “But I’m feeling pretty good at this point. And I’m ready to show what we’ve got this Saturday.”

The ideal scenario for Iowa is to have Vines and Ragaini enjoy healthy, full seasons for the Hawkeyes and to have Anderson and Brown, two exciting youngsters, continue to ascend.

“We’re ready for the opportunity,” Ragaini said. “We’re ready to attack it.”

Think of it as the old guys feeling new again; and the new guys trying to get old fast.

“We have an idea what we want this offense to look like,” quarterback Cade McNamara added. “We know it’s Week 1, and we’re going to continue to get better as the season goes on. We’re a confident group, and I think we know we’re able to make a lot of things happen.”

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Title: The Dog Days of Summer
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — In life, as in sport, many great stories begin with one person and a vision. One of the best stories of the University of Iowa football team's offseason started with an idea, not for a new trick play or defensive scheme, but for a promotion.

Courtney Ralph, a volunteer coordinator at Safe Haven of Iowa County Animal Shelter, wanted to up her Hawkeye football player-to-dog ratio.

"We probably had 25 to 30 guys out there sometimes," said junior offensive lineman Logan Jones**.** "I would say the Hawkeye-to-dog ratio was at least one guy for every dog, at times. It was awesome."

In total, more than 90 members of the Hawkeye football team combined for 975 hours of community service this summer at Safe Haven, which is located 30 miles west of Iowa City in South Amana, Iowa.

"I did have a sales pitch," said Ralph.

Casting a wide net on social media, Ralph messaged players a request to promote the shelter on their personal accounts. In an era of paid "Name, Image and Likeness" promotion, she had nothing to offer except a chance to visit the animals.

"Come visit our shelter," Ralph told the players. "Meet some of our animals, take photos and share experiences with the community. This would spread the word about these animals to a larger audience."

That was all the Hawkeyes needed to hear. Sixth-year defensive end Joe Evans said puppy fever spread quickly through the Iowa locker room.

"Some guys decided to get out there one day, and word of mouth traveled throughout the facility," said Evans. "It ended up being everyone going to Safe Haven and having a great time."

Leaders of Iowa's Hawkeye Championships teams decided to seize the momentum. An annual tradition within the program, Hawkeye Championships teams are small groups which foster team comradery through community service activities during the offseason. All players participate and earn points for their team through service hours.

The connection with Safe Haven presented a unique chance for teams to collaborate. That meant a steady stream of Hawkeye helpers throughout the summer.

"Safe Haven was an opportunity for us to go out and log a lot of hours helping those dogs," said Jones. "You can say it was for Hawkeye Championship points, but you develop relationships with these dogs, and everybody just loves it. It was a great summer for everybody."

Players primarily spent time socializing with the animals, which the shelter says makes animals more adoptable.

"It's hard to put into words how valuable the players' involvement has been," says Ralph. "For starters, the amount of time over the months that the players spent at the shelter would have been impossible for our current team of volunteers to cover.

"The hours the guys came allowed the dogs and cats extra enrichment and socialization time, which often helps them become more adoptable. Kennel stress is a real thing for shelter animals, and the best way to combat it is with attention and getting them into homes as quickly as possible."

Junior defensive end Deonte Craig said the players made an effort to reach as many animals as possible, regardless of breed or age.

"The Hawkeye players really showed out," said Craig. "No one animal was getting too much attention. We spread the love around."

Players across all position groups bought in, from walk-ons to veteran starters. One of the most frequent volunteers at Safe Haven was preseason Doak Walker candidate Kaleb Johnson**.**

"I was out at Safe Haven 12 times this summer," said Johnson. "I would go for an hour or two each time. We would take the dogs out, feed them, play with them and show love to them.

"I liked this husky named George. He was a very questionable dog, but I love the way he is and the way he carries himself. He was stand-up guardable. He felt like he was that man, so I like that about him. He was confident that he was the best dog there."

For Ralph, those relationships were a large reason the summer became so special. For instance, Ralph says that time spent with the running back room made all the difference for George, the husky.

"George was exhibiting some signs of kennel stress," said Ralph. "We asked the players not to handle George without an experienced volunteer who had worked with the trainer."

"Max White would patiently sit outside of George's kennel, spending time with him, until George was eventually cleared for all volunteers to handle. The time Max and the others were able to spend with George added to the enrichment time George needs."

"I could tell you a story about almost all of the players," says Ralph.

Junior defensive tackle Yahya Black spoke with shelter volunteers about his educational goals to become a mentor for high school students.

Junior tight end Luke Lachey was introduced to every cat by the young daughter of a shelter volunteer.

Junior cornerback Cooper DeJean led the effort to move a large pile of rock, a task he saw as better suited to the football team than the shelter's volunteer staff.

Jones and sophomore kicker Drew Stevens made extra time to play with kittens, whose need was the greatest due to their recent separation from their mother.

"Whenever we went there, I would try to make time to see the cats, because they don't get a lot of attention," says Jones. "They made our days, too."

Joe Evans, Eric Epenesa and Graham Friedrichsen befriended Sugar, a white and tan pit bull who had previously been abandoned.

"If she is still there after this year, and my living situation allows, I am probably going to go back and adopt her," says Evans.

Then there is Wally, the newly arrived hound dog whom players promptly named after linebackers coach **Seth Wallace** (any resemblance is purely coincidental).

"It is truly heartwarming and the reason I do what I do," says Ralph. "These animals tend to come to us from the worst situations. They have often been abandoned, or lost, or are being separated from the people they know and love because of terrible circumstances.

"We get to take that worst situation and turn it into a best-case scenario with our ability to love and care and be decent human beings. Everyone — each player who joined us included — who takes time to help these animals, makes the future better. The animals make us better, too."

Indeed, the impact went both ways. After months of struggling to find the right fit at other shelters, junior defensive back **Jermari Harris** came home from Safe Haven with a cat, which he named Anubis after the Egyptian mythological figure.

"He is a good friend of mine now," said Harris. "It was love at first sight. He just ran up on me. He started loving on me and what not. He is a real cuddly guy. That is my dog, but he's a cat."

Like George the husky, Anubis does not lack for swagger.

“Anubis is high energy,” said Harris. “They told me when I got him that he was in his young teenage years. He is a crybaby, who loves attention. It was just me and him in there. I am all he has, he’s all I have.”

Fortunately, the duo now has a new roommate in junior defensive back Sebastian Castro.

“He is an animal guy, himself,” said Harris. “They get along, even though they try to act like they don’t. They do.”

Harris says that between the scenic commute and being with great friends, Safe Haven became an aptly named getaway for the Hawkeyes.

“It was fun, and I also love the drive,” said Harris. “It is just 30 minutes west of here, so I can get my head away from things and go visit the animals. I met new friends and Courtney Ralph is an amazing person. She reached out to me and got me interested. Once I got into the building, it was fun from there on.”

The dog days of summer meant something different to all Hawkeye football players during the summer of 2023. That started with a big idea and a simple ask.

“Courtney cares about everyone,” said Harris. “She is a genuine person. Everything she does I feel as though it comes from the heart. That is all I can ask for. I am willing to do whatever for her, so long as she reaches out and asks.”

Statement from Kimberly Buresh, President, Safe Haven of Iowa County:

“Safe Haven of Iowa County, a small non-profit animal shelter, launched a new volunteer opportunity with the Iowa Hawkeye football team earlier this year. I have volunteered at the shelter for 17 years and can safely say this has been one of the more exciting partnerships in our organization’s history.

Not only have our cats and dogs directly benefited from the nearly 1,000 volunteer hours the team logged, but our own current volunteers truly appreciated the extra help and enjoyed getting to work alongside these fine young men. I could tell the team enjoyed coming somewhere that they could relax and connect with pets as many of the players mentioned missing their pets back home. I honestly think they enjoyed the opportunity to get away from the busy lifestyle of Iowa City, and a chance to not think about the stress and pressure that Division I collegiate athletes often face. Safe Haven has definitely benefitted from this new volunteer opportunity, and we like to think the players gain something valuable as well and look forward to building this relationship in the future.”

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Title: How Cade McNamara, a Michigan legend, found renewed purpose at Iowa
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Last December, on Christmas morning, Cade McNamara awoke atop the Costco mattress he'd placed on the floor of an empty office building. Beside him was Grizz, the 155-pound English Mastiff whom McNamara drove from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to his makeshift home in Southern California. Down the hall were his brothers, Kyle and Jake, both football players at UTEP, who brought their own dogs and crashed on air mattresses in enclosed-glass rooms.

In a few days, Michigan would face Texas Christian in the College Football Playoff semifinals, a second trip in as many seasons for head coach Jim Harbaugh. But McNamara — the quarterback who anchored Harbaugh's team the year prior — was seven weeks removed from surgery to address tears in his MCL and patellar tendon, separate injuries that occurred nearly 11 months apart. The procedure was performed in early November by renowned Los Angeles-based surgeon Dr. Neal ElAttrache, the lead physician for the Rams and Dodgers, and McNamara moved into the vacant building in San Clemente because of its proximity to a rehab facility. The addition of a Christmas tree helped brighten the place, which had been recently purchased by a friend and loaned to McNamara. He and his brothers had more than 30,000 square feet to themselves, including a kitchen with a mostly functional refrigerator.

The McNamara parents, Gary and Nicole, had traveled to California a few days earlier to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They joined their sons later that morning to exchange gifts.

"It was one of those things where it's like, 'What Christmas do you remember the most?'" Gary McNamara said. "It's going to be hard not to remember that Christmas just because of the location we had it."

Cherished though that memory may be, it was a staggering juxtaposition from where Cade McNamara stood exactly one year prior. On Dec. 25, 2021, he stepped off a plane and onto the tarmac at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport for the Wolverines' inaugural trip to the College Football Playoff. Michigan would get mauled, 34-11, by Georgia, the eventual national champion, but McNamara's name was already etched in program lore as the quarterback who upset Ohio State and claimed the school's first Big Ten Championship in 17 years. His was a leading voice among the upperclassmen credited by head coach Jim Harbaugh for repairing Michigan's culture. "Love Cade," Harbaugh said at Big Ten Media Days in 2023.

So how did McNamara wind up sleeping on the floor of an office building while the Wolverines returned to the national semifinals last year? How did a player described by one coach as "a Michigan legend" all but vanish after absorbing the hit that damaged his knee in Week 3? How did McNamara hop into and out of the transfer portal before the Wolverines even arrived at Lucas Oil Stadium to win a second consecutive Big Ten title? And how did he claw his way back from a self-professed "lowest low" to find supreme joy as the starting quarterback at Iowa?

Answers to those questions are simultaneously murky and multi-dimensional, intricate and impassioned, variable from speaker to speaker. The central figure — McNamara — had harnessed the resiliency and competitive fire he's known for to emerge from an icy quarterback room and propel the Wolverines to new heights in 2021. An uneasy relationship with understudy J.J. McCarthy further complicated their high-profile, hotly contested competition the following year, and the incumbent was fraught with angst as the battle spilled into the regular season. Multiple sources said disagreements over the objectivity of Harbaugh's process gave way to disputes about the school's proposed treatment of McNamara's injured knee, with the decision to undergo surgery cutting against what the medical staff advised. Once McNamara trekked to California in early November, he never rejoined the team.

Yet from the darkness and dissolution rose the ideal winds of change for an erstwhile championship quarterback. Roughly a dozen Power 5 schools came calling when McNamara entered the transfer portal on Nov. 28, though some had begun sniffing around in early August. Having competed against Michigan in the Big Ten title game, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz described the pursuit of McNamara, then 22, as "a no-brainer," and made it clear the Hawkeyes planned to build around him as a redshirt senior with two years of eligibility remaining.

For the first time in a long time, McNamara felt wanted. He committed to Iowa on Dec. 1 and hasn't looked back since.

"I've been nothing but so happy that I made this decision," McNamara said.

Rewind to January 2019.

A teenage McNamara early enrolled at Michigan for a recruiting class that would finish eighth in the national rankings. A four-star prospect from Reno, Nevada, McNamara had turned down scholarship offers from Notre Dame, Alabama, USC, Georgia and Tennessee, among others, to sign with the Wolverines. The coaching staff assigned him to live with fellow newcomer Gabe Newberg, an edge rusher from Ohio, who remains one of McNamara's closest friends. The new roommates spent time chatting after moving into their dorm.

"Most guys kind of start out trying to get to know each other, asking the usual questions," Newberg said. "But one of the first things he said was when he gets the reins and becomes the starter, he wants to make a difference at Michigan," by changing the culture and winning.

Such foresight and faith would still be impressive had Newberg been the only person to experience McNamara's prophetic self-belief, but similar stories have radiated through the quarterback's inner circle for years. The memory Gary McNamara shares is from a conversation shortly after his son arrived in Ann Arbor, at which point McNamara listed approximately 20 changes he believed would strengthen the program — all things he vowed to implement before leaving the school. The anecdote that defensive back Mike Sainristil describes took place even earlier, in 2018, during a recruiting call in which McNamara assured him they'd win a Big Ten Championship if Sainristil flipped his commitment from Virginia Tech to Michigan. He did, and they did.

Examples like these are critical to understanding McNamara's internal wiring. At 6-foot-1 and 205 pounds, McNamara has never been the biggest quarterback, nor the strongest, nor the fastest. His arm is considered good enough without being great, and certain coaches have reservations about his release on short and intermediate throws. Even with a good season or two at Iowa, he's unlikely to become an early-round draft pick.

What McNamara does have is an appealing blend of toughness, intelligence and leadership skills that are fortified by his maniacal work ethic — all traits that endeared him to Harbaugh, the former Michigan quarterback revered for his willpower and grit. He plays selflessly and passionately within an offense's framework, and teammates have no qualms about following him into the fire. "He would be one of those great Michigan men," Harbaugh said at Big Ten Media Days this July.

It was McNamara's dedication that earned his teammates' respect at Michigan despite never seeing the field as a freshman. He was known for waking up at 5 a.m. to pore over the playbook and study opponents even with several players ahead of him on the depth chart. He always tagged along with Newberg and running back Zach Charbonnet for extra lifting sessions at Schembechler Hall and caught their attention with how hard he strained in the weight room. When his friends spent time in the recovery areas, McNamara threw passes alone in a dimly lit Oosterbaan Field House. He even reamed out a teammate who loafed through a workout for non-traveling players in 2019.

"They kind of went back and forth for a little bit," Newberg said of the altercation. "But Cade stood his ground. And me and a few other guys that were in that lift had his back because when you see someone that takes everything that seriously, and if they have an issue, you're going to get behind somebody like that."

They got behind him again on Nov. 21, 2020, after Harbaugh pulled starting quarterback Joe Milton during the second quarter of a game at Rutgers. McNamara came off the bench to complete 27 of 36 passes for 260 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in a triple-overtime victory. It was a performance, Harbaugh said recently, that proved McNamara had enough "gravel in his gut" to lead the Wolverines.

The comeback against Rutgers marked the unofficial beginning of McNamara's run atop the depth chart. An offseason metamorphosis for Michigan saw Milton transfer to Tennessee and new quarterbacks coach Matt Weiss arrive from the Baltimore Ravens. A group of upperclassmen led by Aidan Hutchinson, Josh Ross, Brad Hawkins and McNamara, among others, seized control of the locker room to re-chart the Wolverines' course. Together, they sparked the unexpected surge that snapped an eight-game losing streak to Ohio State and secured the program's first Big Ten title since 2004, knocking off Iowa at Lucas Oil Stadium.

McNamara, who finished the season with 2,576 yards, 15 touchdowns and only six interceptions, was named third-team All-Big Ten by the coaches and media.

"It just seemed like he was the guy that kind of was the trigger man," Ferentz said this summer. "The guy that made it all go."

Lurking beneath the surface of Michigan's storybook run to the College Football Playoff was an undercurrent of tension between McNamara and McCarthy, the five-star prospect with a significantly higher ceiling. Swarmlike media coverage of McCarthy's recruitment anointed him the program's savior long before he enrolled, and all of that attention became an impediment to his nascent relationship with McNamara.

By the time McCarthy arrived on campus in January 2021, the Wolverines' quarterback room had already devolved into a snake pit, according to a team source with direct knowledge of the situation. Fallout from the prior year's competition involving Milton, McNamara and Dylan McCaffrey, who also wound up transferring, fostered an environment in which players turned against each other.

"And Cade, honestly, was a huge part of how cutthroat that room was," the source said. "It kind of fits with his personality of when J.J. first got there, he reached out to [McNamara], ‘Hey, can't wait to learn from you,' typical stuff that would be smart stuff to say to somebody when you're coming into that situation. And Cade ghosted him, wouldn't respond to him."

A source close to McNamara pushed back on this but acknowledged he and McCarthy never watched film together. It was third-string quarterback Davis Warren, the source said, who routinely joined McNamara to study opponents.

Having allowed the contract for then-quarterbacks coach Ben McDaniels to expire, Harbaugh replaced him with Weiss in late February. The retooled coaching staff tried to sanitize the quarterback room by creating a series of new initiatives that encouraged players to be more supportive of each other. They designed activities and environments that prioritized fun in hopes of strengthening interpersonal relationships. The goal of naming McNamara the starter in mid-April was to offer him the kind of validation they believed would elevate his play. And at the same time, it could relieve the pressure on McCarthy, who had just turned 18.

Slowly but surely, McNamara embraced the messaging from his coaches and became a better mentor for McCarthy, who averaged 15 snaps per game in 2021. There were long stretches of that season, a source said, in which the two quarterbacks genuinely liked each other and appreciated what the other could bring to the offense — even if both would have preferred more playing time. Where McNamara offered the steadiness and poise of a player who prepared like "an NFL-level quarterback, starter-level," according to one collegiate coach who worked with him, McCarthy injected more dynamism as a dual-threat runner and passer.

"I think [McCarthy] learned a ton from Cade," the team source said. "And I think he would tell you that, too, and genuinely mean it."

The source said there was never much consideration for starting McCarthy that season, even when the passing game encountered its share of hiccups. Harbaugh and his staff recognized McCarthy had more upside than McNamara, but the coaches knew relying on a true freshman "was not going to be the best thing for Michigan football," especially at a time when they believed the College Football Playoff was within reach. What the Wolverines needed was a quarterback who could avoid mistakes and run the offense efficiently — not the "higher-variance strategy," as the source described it, of handing the keys to McCarthy. Yet everyone understood the caliber of player he was likely to become.

"It's tough, you know, being a very good quarterback with another very good quarterback right behind you," Sainristil said. "It's like at all points ... everything [McNamara] does is even more under a microscope with a guy like J.J. right behind him. So at any point, that job could be taken."

And soon enough, it would be.

Gary McNamara wanted his son to leave Michigan after the semifinal loss to Georgia in 2021. The family never discussed the idea of McNamara declaring for the NFL Draft, where he might have been a late-round pick, but conversations about entering the transfer portal were had.

"I thought it was better if he just left," Gary McNamara said. "I tried on my own, but he made the decision that he was sticking with it because he was basically the only leader left behind."

Though McNamara chose to remain in Ann Arbor, his father thought the writing was on the wall. It was clear that Harbaugh intended to hold an open competition between McNamara and McCarthy ahead of the 2022 season despite what Gary McNamara described as positive feedback from the head coach to his son in private. The staff thought it could handle having both players on the roster for another season — Harbaugh even told reporters he didn't think either quarterback was the type of player who would transfer — but a team source said the coaches knew it would be challenging to "keep everything copacetic."

In an effort to shock-paddle some chemistry into the quarterback room, the staff convinced the group to take a trip together to Toronto in April 2022. "Just to make them like each other," the source said, and everyone wound up having a great time. McNamara was in good spirits having asserted himself as the No. 1 quarterback in spring practice, which finished a few days prior. He entered fall camp with the lead after McCarthy missed most of spring with a labrum injury.

It's at this point where stories about what happened over the ensuing weeks and months diverge, with the McNamara camp outlining one version of events as sources from Michigan lay out another. The differences can be distilled into two central themes: the veracity of the team's quarterback competition; and the severity of McNamara's eventual injury.

Having benefited from extra reps throughout the spring, McNamara recalled progressing through fall camp "playing the best football I've ever played," he said when asked about it earlier this summer, flashing significant improvements to his footwork, accuracy and mobility. On this much, at least, the two sides agree. "He was at a level in 2022 where he would have started at Michigan probably any other year that Jim was the head coach," a team source said.

The medical staff slowly reintegrated McCarthy through the first half of camp to protect his shoulder, the source said, and the gradual ramp-up caused McNamara's lead to appear more commanding than it might have otherwise been. Had Harbaugh called the competition after a week, McNamara would have won. Had he called it at the midway point of camp, McNamara would have been on top then, too.

But practice by practice, week by week, McCarthy kept improving as he shook off rust and began to harness his potential. The team source credited Harbaugh for exuding enough patience to afford McCarthy the chance to settle in following such a lengthy absence. There was no denying he and McNamara were "very, very close," the source said, but the coaching staff believed the players were on different trajectories by the end of camp: McNamara was as steady as he'd ever been; McCarthy was ascending.

"And I'm sure, well, I know that's something that bothers Cade, you know what I mean?" the source said. "I'm sure he feels like Jim was the referee and let the clock run until the other team came back. ... But any idea that Jim wasn't totally fair or did anything, ever, that he didn't think was purely in the interest of us winning football games, it's just total fiction."

Said Gary McNamara: "That whole process of the reality of what was going on in practice and the reality of what was being said in the public, it was so bizarre. And it made me uncomfortable."

So uncomfortable, in fact, that he relocated to Michigan from the family's home in Tennessee because he feared a negative outcome in the quarterback battle — one that might nudge his son toward the transfer portal. Sure enough, after McCarthy turned in a strong showing against Hawaii, Harbaugh named him the starter for Week 3 and beyond. McNamara tore his MCL during mop-up duty the following week with the Wolverines leading UConn by 38 late in the second quarter.

Here, the stories diverge once more. A source privy to the discussions surrounding McNamara's knee said Michigan's medical staff believed the injury should have been rehabbed without surgery, and the coaching staff wanted him to return later that season as McCarthy's backup. Both sides knew there was a procedure that could address the MCL tear, the source said, but Michigan viewed that route as an elective — not a requirement.

In a move that the team source said surprised Michigan's coaches, McNamara and his father flew to Los Angeles for additional opinions, ultimately meeting with two more doctors. Their first question, according to Gary McNamara, was about the possibility of a quick fix that would get McNamara back on the field as soon as possible. When told there was more damage than could be addressed with a minor procedure, the decision was made to undergo season-ending surgery. ElAttrache fixed the torn MCL and also mended a pre-existing tear in McNamara's patellar tendon that the quarterback didn't know he had. The second tear had been discovered during the imaging process that revealed his torn MCL, and it was eventually traced to a game against Michigan State in 2021.

"In a way," McNamara said, "that was my only option. My knee had not healed properly, and [ElAttrache] was the one who thought that he could fix it."

McNamara watched the rest of Michigan's season from his two-month stay in the empty office building.

On Dec. 8, 2022, McNamara limped into Carver-Hawkeye Arena. He'd committed to Iowa a few days prior and traveled to Iowa City for an official visit, even though he wasn't cleared to fly. The itinerary included a men's basketball game between the Hawkeyes and archrival Iowa State.

McNamara and his father entered the arena shortly after tipoff. The crowd erupted as McNamara walked out of the tunnel and toward his seats, which were directly in front of an appreciative student section.

"And from that time," Gary McNamara said, "I just think it's been a really fun ride for him so far. So if you're gonna write something about how happy he is, it's just been kind of the golden spot since the first day he walked on that campus."

Finding Iowa has been the silver lining that made the most difficult year of McNamara's life worthwhile. Emotions flooded through him in the days and weeks spent sleeping on the floor of his empty office building, a Big Ten championship-winning quarterback stuck in limbo between one phase of his career and the next. He compared the surgery to hitting a reset button and vowed to use the recovery time as a chance to "figure out what my motivations are and what I want the next version of myself to be."

Thus far, the Hawkeyes have given McNamara everything he envisioned during those periods of introspection, with a clear path to the starting job atop the list. Neither he nor McCarthy spoke publicly in real time about how the pressure of last year's competition affected them, but the comments and body language they've displayed since are telling. McCarthy told reporters in August that he's having "the most fun in my entire life playing football right now when everything is just clear, everyone knows what's going on." And McNamara shared more smiles and laughs with reporters during a single media session in June than over his final 10 months at Michigan combined.

"Mentally," Newberg said, "he's definitely in a great place right now. But I know he wouldn't go back and change anything that happened. Obviously bringing a Big Ten Championship to Michigan, he wouldn't take anything back."

The hope for Iowa is that McNamara can deliver the program's first Big Ten Championship in 19 years and its first outright title since 1985, at which point Ferentz was the team's offensive line coach. Only four Hawkeyes signal-callers in the last 15 seasons eclipsed McNamara's passing output for Michigan in 2021, and last year Iowa ranked among the bottom 10 nationally in total offense, scoring offense, passing offense and third-down conversion rate. At his best, McNamara plays with the kind of level-headed efficiency that last year's starter, Spencer Petras, sorely lacked while throwing for an equal number of touchdowns and interceptions. The Hawkeyes needed McNamara as much as he needed them.

Just as McNamara did in Ann Arbor, he quickly established himself among Iowa's leadership group. He dueled with left tackle Mason Richman to see who could arrive at the facility first each morning, generally in the neighborhood of 5 a.m. He mentored Iowa's younger quarterbacks from the sideline as the medical staff held him out of 11-on-11 drills during spring practice. He routinely knocked on coaches' doors to schedule extra meetings.

In offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz, whose contract was altered following last year's dreadful outcome, McNamara said he found a kindred spirit because they both have something to prove in 2023. And in Kirk Ferentz, 68, he found a head coach who places significant value on the exact skillset McNamara possesses.

"Coach Ferentz has always left his door open for me," McNamara said.

He kickstarted the process of building chemistry with his new receivers and tight ends by inviting them on his annual trip to visit private quarterbacks coach Jordan Palmer, the California-based guru whose clientele includes Josh Allen, Joe Burrow and Trevor Lawrence. Eleven Hawkeyes — both scholarship and non-scholarship players alike — flew to the West Coast for cold plunges every morning, shared meals along the beach and a chance to go surfing in conjunction with the high-level training from Palmer and former Cincinnati Bengals wideout T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

The group included Iowa's two marquee transfers at the skill positions in former Michigan tight end Erick All, who roomed with McNamara in Ann Arbor, and former Ohio State wideout Kaleb Brown.

"I got a test of [McNamara's] character," receiver Seth Anderson said when asked about the trip to California, "and he's a really good dude. I feel like he really wants us to make it far. And we all feel the same way."

After watching their son push through months of mental and physical pain, Gary and Nicole McNamara identified two moments that convinced them he'd emerged from the darkness unscathed.

The first took place a few months after surgery when McNamara passed the strength tests that earned him an initial medical clearance. His parents heard him crying on the other end of the phone as he shared the news. All of McNamara's concerns about returning to football swiftly melted.

The second moment came a few months later, in late April, when his parents visited Iowa City for the Hawkeyes' spring game. At dinner one evening, McNamara told them he was the happiest he'd ever been in his college career. Transferring to Iowa had been the perfect choice.

"I told Cade, 'If you didn't go through all those hard times at Michigan, you would never have found Iowa,'" Gary McNamara said. "And Iowa is the blessing of a lifetime for Cade. It's the first time I've been involved with a program with my kids where I could care less if they win a game because the situation is so good for him."

For that reason, neither McNamara nor his parents harbor ill will toward Michigan, choosing instead to view his time in Ann Arbor as a single chapter of an ongoing football journey. McNamara takes great pride in what he achieved with the Wolverines — especially winning the Big Ten title — and keeps in touch with plenty of his former teammates. He simply prefers not to dwell on those memories while continuing his career at Iowa.

Nonetheless, a handful of Wolverines past and present crossed paths earlier this year as groomsmen in Newberg's wedding. McNamara, Trevor Keegan, Karsen Barnhart and Braiden McGregor enjoyed the chance to catch up and talk some trash after so many months apart.

With Michigan and Iowa not scheduled to play this season, the former teammates knew the next time they'd see each other might be at the Big Ten Championship game in December. And that, McNamara said, is an outcome he'd welcome:

"Let's just say, I hope it happens."

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Connor Colby was furious.

It was his first year at Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School in Iowa. And, like most ninth-grade football players, Colby started his career on the freshman team. Still, that wasn't acceptable to him.

"I was mad that I didn't get moved up to the sophomore team," Colby said in an exclusive interview with PFF.

It wouldn't take long for him to prove he belonged at a higher level.

"I just dedicated myself to the weight room and worked hard," Colby said. "That opportunity came my sophomore year to play varsity. Once I got on the field, it was just having fun at that point and realizing that I'm just as strong, if not stronger than the rest of the guys on the field."

Across his four years for the Cougs, he earned All-State honors in his junior and senior campaigns. He was ranked as a top-150 recruit in the 2021 class and secured offers from college football powerhouses, such as Ohio State and Michigan. But growing up 30 minutes away from his dream school, Colby always knew he wanted to stay home.

"For me, it was always Iowa," he said. "I know I took a bunch of visits elsewhere, but I always compared it back home to Iowa. That ultimately made my decision to come here and I've been happy with it ever since."

Unlike when he was in high school, Colby saw the field immediately as a freshman. He served as the starting right guard for most of the 2021 season, posting a 76.5 run-blocking grade that led all Power Five true freshmen. Colby credits much of his freshman success to the superstar who lined up to his left: Current Baltimore Ravens center Tyler Linderbaum.

"This is going to sound pretty bad," Colby said with a laugh. "I knew play calls and stuff like that. But sometimes when I was out there, I'd struggle with who to block. So I just looked at [Linderbaum] before every play and he'd just point at the guy I had to block. We just went from there."

After Linderbaum was selected in the first round of the 2022 NFL Draft, Colby became one of the leaders of the Hawkeyes' offensive line. He split his time between right tackle and left guard as a sophomore, earning just a 37.4 pass-blocking grade on the season. However, it's important to contextualize that grade by looking at performance by position.

Connor Colby's Pass-Blocking Numbers by Position

Position	Pass-Blocking Snaps	Pass-Blocking Grade	Pressure Rate Allowed
Left Guard	175	81.3	0.6%
Right Tackle	184	18.5	10.1%

Unsurprisingly, Colby enjoys lining up along the interior the most. Luckily for him, he's listed as the Hawkeyes' starting right guard this season.

"I love playing guard," he said. "I just like being physical. It's like a fight in the phone booth every time I'm out there. It's fun."

What Colby didn't enjoy was how much Iowa's offense struggled last season. In 2022, the Hawkeyes ranked last in the Power Five and third to last nationally in expected points added per play. While there were many reasons for that low mark, Colby pointed the finger at himself.

"It was pretty frustrating," he said. "A lot of the blame should be on the O-line. We weren't as good as we needed to be throughout the season. That's all we can do now is focus on being the best we can be out there every day at practice. Building that cohesiveness as a unit. Hopefully, that shows through on Saturdays."

Aside from an improved offensive line, a change under center should have Iowa fans optimistic about an offensive bounce-back. Cade McNamara takes over after transferring in from Michigan. In 2021, he quarterbacked the Wolverines to the Big Ten championship and College Football Playoff, beating Colby's Hawkeyes in the conference title game. With him comes tight end Erick All, a preseason second-team All-Big Ten honoree.

"Cade's been great," Colby said. "He's a great leader. When he first got here, he really took control and got us all going in the right direction again. He raised our standard that we had here. Erick's the same way, getting us all hyped up for practice and stuff like that. He and Cade are the great leaders that we needed."

Colby himself was named to PFF's preseason All-Big Ten first team and is projected to be one of the top interior offensive linemen in the 2024 NFL Draft. Don't tell him that, though.

"I don't pay attention to any of that," Colby said. "I told my parents not to send me any articles. I told my girlfriend not to send me anything. I don't want to know anything about it. I have to focus on practice every day, blocking our great D-line that we have."

The junior is taking everything day by day, although he does have some long-term goals in mind.

"Win the West [division], win in Indy, win whatever's next."

What's currently next for him and No. 25 Iowa is the season opener this Saturday against Utah State in Kinnick Stadium.

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IOWA CITY — In a single play, Xavier Nwankpa gave a sample of his capabilities.

It was during the second quarter of last season's Music City Bowl between Iowa and Kentucky. Nwankpa, a true freshman at the time, was making his first career start for the Hawkeyes. With Iowa leading 7-0, Kentucky quarterback Destin Wade took a snap and slung the ball over the middle of the field.

The pass sailed out of the reach of his intended target. Nwankpa, who was hovering near the area, plucked it out of the air. In a flash, he took it the other way, scampering all the way into the end zone for a pick-six.

"Honestly, I really don't remember much," Nwankpa recalls about the play more than seven months later. "But we were in cover 3. It was a ball I could break on, so I just went in, caught it. Then I blacked out after that. Just ran it into the end zone and celebrated with the team."

Nwankpa was one of Iowa's more impressive defensive players in that win over Kentucky. Though a small sample size, it validated what many had hoped to see from him. Now in 2023, Nwankpa is an obvious breakout candidate. Kaevon Merriweather, a standout safety for the Hawkeyes last season, has moved on to play professionally. That leaves a clear path to playing time for Nwankpa.

It means that Nwankpa will likely have to be a consistent contributor under the bright lights. But that is something he's used to.

High expectations swirled around Nwankpa during his time at Southeast Polk High School, where he was a highly sought-after recruit. To understand why, look no further than the first game of his senior season.

Southeast Polk was coming off of a loss in the state championship during Nwankpa's junior season. But in the season opener against Dowling Catholic, a big-time matchup, Nwankpa delivered.

He scored Southeast Polk's first touchdown. Later in the game, with Southeast Polk backed up in its own territory, Nwankpa reached back for an interception in the end zone. Dowling tied the score at 7-7 shortly after. On the last play of the game, with the score still tied, Southeast Polk's quarterback chucked up a Hail Mary. Nwankpa came down with it, scoring a touchdown and giving Southeast Polk a 13-7 win.

Southeast Polk went on to win a state championship that season. Nwankpa played a big part in that.

"There's always ratings out there and sometimes you get a kid at that level, not necessarily in the state of Iowa, but in other areas of the country, things can go sideways pretty quick and they're not too focused on their high school careers and they're worried about the next step," said Southeast Polk coach Brad Zelenovich. "And that was never him. (I) take great pride in knowing his high school teammates and his high school friends and the experiences he had in our program was special to him."

Given his profile as a recruit, it's not a surprise he had powerhouse programs vying for his talents: Ohio State, LSU, Notre Dame and Clemson, among others. But Nwankpa decided to stay in Iowa.

"Really just the people here," Nwankpa said about why he chose to play at Iowa. "The people here were the main factor in me coming here. Like coach (defensive coordinator Phil) Parker, all the coaches and all the players. Like all the players, I'm close with now and I was close with during my visits. So becoming close with them there, it just felt like this is home. And it really is."

As a freshman at Iowa, opportunity for Nwankpa was limited with Merriweather and Quinn Schulte patrolling the safety spots. But Nwankpa still made an impact on special teams and was the Team Hustle Award honoree for that unit. Then, with Merriweather opting out of the bowl game, Nwankpa gave a glimpse of his potential.

Though Merriweather is no longer at Iowa, the ripple effects of his presence are still having an impact.

“Personally, from Kaevon, he taught me how to watch film,” Nwankpa said. “In high school, you can watch film, but it’s not the same as you have to do it at the college level. So he really took me under his wing and really taught me how to watch film and grow as a player.”

The difference between watching film in high school and college is ... ?

“In high school, you’ll just go through clips and see plays,” Nwankpa said. “But in college, you really have to break down like where the offensive line’s looking, the receiver, if his gloves are strapped, if his helmet is tight. Really fine details you can find and you really just go dive into those and it helps you with run-pass reads, what the receiver may run.”

That Nwankpa is locked into the mental side of the game is encouraging, given his physical tools are already so advanced. He also said he is focusing on his sleep, where he tries to get at least eight hours per day.

While Iowa's secondary is returning star Cooper DeJean and Schulte, there is also some turnover heading into 2023, notably the departures of Riley Moss and Merriweather. Even though Nwankpa is still young and relatively inexperienced at the college level, there is optimism he can slide into Merriweather's role and help Iowa continue its defensive dominance.

“He’s got all the potential in the world,” Zelenovich said. “It’s just a matter of him continuing to develop. Obviously, he’s in a good spot, like we talked about. I know those guys at the University of Iowa are going to continue to challenge him and have him develop his skills.”

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IOWA CITY — When Erick All is not running routes in practice as one of Iowa's top tight ends, "goofing around" with teammates or soon going to class, he has "a lot of responsibility" the typical college football player does not have.

It's a difficult responsibility, especially for a 22-year-old, but one he considers to be "a blessing."

"I enjoy it to death," All said.

That responsibility goes by the name of Houston.

Houston, who is almost one year old, is All's first child.

"It can be hard, but when you love someone so much, it makes it pretty easy," All said.

As would be the case for almost any first-time parent, it has come with some lessons for All — lessons that translate to the football field.

"Keeping your head down and working and not having any excuses for stuff pretty much is what I've learned," All said.

All and Houston's mother, Mia, live in Iowa City together and raise their first child. When All had to be away for fall camp, Mia and Houston visited family in Michigan.

Iowa tight ends coach Abdul Hodge believes Houston gives All "added motivation to come out here and handle the business."

Houston was born on the morning of Michigan's 51-7 win over Colorado State. All was at Michigan Stadium in time for the noon game and went on to have one catch for 22 yards in that afternoon's game.

"Eight pounds, four ounces," Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh told reporters after the game. "I'm still waiting for the wingspan and the hand size numbers, but from the pictures, they look long and athletic."

Houston will celebrate his first birthday on Sept. 3.

"He's growing so fast," said Cade McNamara, who also was teammates with All at Michigan.

For those doing the math, Houston was born nine months and seven days after Michigan's 2021 win over Ohio State. (And the due date was seven days earlier.)

"It was how life just happened," All said.

Houston and McNamara seem to be enjoying the time they get together.

"I was holding him, and he kept leaning back, looking at me and then he would tuck his head right back on my neck," McNamara said.

Houston did that "like five times, back-to-back-to-back."

"It was just the cutest thing ever," McNamara said.

McNamara already has noticed Houston "definitely has Erick's energy and positivity."

"He's almost as goofy as Houston is," McNamara said of his former roommate. "Erick is just the most uppity guy who's always in a positive mood, and I know Houston truly puts a smile on his face."

On the field, All's addition allows Iowa to continue its heavy use of tight ends in 2023.

Tight ends Sam LaPorta and Luke Lachey were the Hawkeyes' top two players in receiving yards last year. Now All, a former all-Big Ten honorable mention, and Lachey will be the top two options at the position.

"We lost a really good player, needless to say, with Sam LaPorta," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "But then you get a guy like Erick All to join the team, so feel pretty good about those two guys."

Back at Michigan, All had 38 receptions for 437 yards in 2021 although he missed most of the 2022 season with an injury that required season-ending surgery.

“He has a really unique skill set,” Hodge said. “I would describe it as being explosive.”

All, a former co-captain at Michigan, also has contributed to the team as a leader.

“He has a really good personality that the guys take to on the field,” Hodge said.

The highlight of All’s eight-plus months since joining the Hawkeyes has been simply “being with the guys” on the team, whether that be “goofing around” in the locker room or “competing with the guys every day.”

“Not only that, but eating meals, just chilling and getting to know different players on the team,” All said.

All also has spoken highly of other aspects of Iowa City. That includes trips to the Coralville IHOP, which he previously said serves some of the best chicken and waffles he ever had, “when I’m not locked up in the hotel for fall camp.”

Like many other aspects of All’s life, Houston is often right there with him at IHOP.

“He’s been there quite a few times,” All said.

Publisher: The Gazette
Title: Luke Elkin quietly makes Tory Taylor, Drew Stevens' jobs so much easier
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IOWA CITY — Tory Taylor's punting excellence has understandably gotten attention, whether it be in media coverage, award watch lists or Raygun's famous "Punting is Winning" shirts.

Drew Stevens' kicking excellence, likewise, has warranted media attention and a semifinalist nod last year for the Lou Groza Award.

But Iowa football's other first-team specialist, long snapper Luke Elkin? "I don't think people probably really understand his role and how important it is on the team," Taylor said.

The typical college football box score does not have any long snapping statistics. There is no major award watch list for the top long snappers in the country. But Elkin's teammates, especially Taylor, have attributed much of their success to what Elkin does as a snapper.

"Drew and I can't really do anything without him," Taylor said. "He just makes our job so much easier — just to be able to go out there and not have to worry about anything, just knowing that I'm going to get a good snap every time."

Elkin arrived at Iowa in 2021, and it did not take long for him to earn the starting spot.

Austin Spiewak started the first two games of the 2021 season before Elkin had his opportunity in the Cy-Hawk game and did not relinquish it in the two years since.

The key, Elkin said, was "just being prepared and ready for your moment to jump in."

"Throughout that whole fall camp and going through practice, you're just doing everything you can to get that spot out on the field," Elkin said.

Elkin has reached the point where Stevens and the field goal unit "don't have to worry" about the snap at all.

"It just like boom, boom, boom, boom," Stevens said. "It's robotic."

Elkin's contributions aside from just snapping has been a differentiating factor.

"He can cover, too," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "I don't think we'll put a snapper around passing, but we might throw to him. You never know."

Elkin's athleticism was on full display in the third quarter of last year's 7-3 win against South Dakota State.

Taylor boomed a 50-yard punt down the center of the field. Even with an experienced and proven gunner like Terry Roberts on the field, at least a short return seemed likely.

"This one is returnable," FS1 play-by-play commentator Noah Eagle started to say. "Or is it? No, it's not!"

Luke Elkin happened.

After snapping the ball, Elkin sprinted 50 yards in approximately seven seconds to deck South Dakota State's Tyler Feldkamp as soon as he caught Taylor's punt.

"That was obviously pretty special," Taylor said retrospectively at this month's Iowa football media day.

But that's not Elkin's only highlight-reel-level play that comes to mind. Taylor still remembers a punt from last year when Elkin trucked someone on the punt coverage.

"Coach Woods shows it in the special teams meetings quite a bit," Taylor said. "It was a pretty cool moment for us."

Iowa Hawkeyes long snapper Luke Elkin (39) pulls down South Dakota State Jackrabbits punt returner Tyler Feldkamp (8) in the third quarter of the game at Kinnick Stadium in Iowa City, Iowa on Saturday, September 3, 2022. (Savannah Blake/The Gazette)

Those plays are less of a surprise considering Elkin's versatility in high school. He played quarterback, long snapper, wide receiver, safety and linebacker during his time at Neenah (Wis.) High School.

"If we wanted him, he could punt the ball, but he can't snap the ball to himself," his high school coach Steve Jung once told Green Bay-based WFRV-TV in 2021.

Off the field, special teams coordinator LeVar Woods has praised Elkin as someone "wise beyond his years."

"Luke is the stabilizing force," Woods said. "He's a quiet leader within the room."

Taylor similarly called him the "mediator in the room."

"Everyone kind of bounces off him," Taylor said.

This year will be a little different for Elkin.

Elkin, a walk-on for his first two seasons, was put on scholarship ahead of the fall semester.

"He's been spectacular since he's been here," head coach Kirk Ferentz said after telling reporters Wednesday he was on scholarship. "Just consistent, dependable, great team guy."

Publisher: Des Moines Register | Hawk Central
Title: After breaking barriers at Des Moines North, Iowa football's Deavin Hilson wants to keep going
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IOWA CITY — Scout-team running back isn't a place for football glory, especially with a menacing Iowa defense delivering body blows left and right on the opposite side. But Deavin Hilson wasn't rattled.

He slowly turned one head — then another, then another — as the likes of Jack Campbell, Lukas Van Ness and the rest of Iowa's defensive stalwarts challenged Hilson's toughness and competitive spirit on every rep. It was those repetitive collisions — and Hilson's immediate unfazed response — that convinced defensive coordinator Phil Parker there was something to work with here.

So midway through last season, and more officially during December bowl-game prep, Hilson traded in his running back role for a spot in Iowa's secondary as a reserve cornerback — all while thriving on special teams as many young Hawkeyes do. It's a shift that now has Hilson on the cusp of something more substantial.

With rumors swirling that Iowa may need to lean on its cornerback depth to begin the season as a result of the state's sports-betting probe, Hilson is in the mix with T.J. Hall, Deshaun Lee and others for an early elevated role. With opposing quarterbacks likely trying to avoid all-everything cornerback Cooper DeJean on the other side, it's imperative the Hawkeyes establish additional reliability on the perimeter.

"At first it was some of the DBs, they were telling me little stuff. 'Hey coach (Parker) is looking at you (for defense).' But I didn't think too much of it," Hilson recalled. "Then one day at practice, coach (Parker) came up and asked me how I would feel about (shifting to defensive back)

"That alone, for me, did it — just him thinking I could do that for him. As soon as he asked me, my mind was clear."

Just reaching this spot has already required an arduous journey few believed was possible. Yet Hilson is thankful for the hurdles.

He and everyone else who's been associated with Des Moines North football heard it all. The remarks, the jabs, the constant chatter that Polar Bears don't end up in Division I football with decades' worth of supporting evidence.

Remember, North went winless during Hilson's entire tenure. By the time his senior season started in 2020, no Polar Bear had gone straight to a Division I program since 1991, And Power Five status? Forget that. The last North player with that accolade was Iowa State's Marcus Butts in the 1970s.

None of that mattered to the ever-determined Hilson. He barged through those barriers with his Iowa offer and commitment in January 2021, laying the groundwork for North's bubbling breakthrough.

The Polar Bears ended a 36-game losing streak in 2021, then followed that up with the program's first four-win season since 2008 last year. After Hilson came future Iowa State defensive end David Caulker and current Northern Illinois linebacker commit Augustine Sleh, giving North three FBS prospects in the last four recruiting classes. Not to mention former Polar Bear Jayden McGregory, a four-star athlete in the 2026 class, landed an Iowa State offer before transferring to West Des Moines Valley this offseason.

"Deavin is from the north side — and he went to North High School — and he wears that like a badge of honor," Polar Bears coach Eric Addy said. "He really embraces, 'Hey, you can be from North High School and do anything that you want.'

"I think his experience here at North — a taste of having to showcase his versatility and having to handle a lot of adversity — makes him mentally tough where nothing is going to rattle him."

Hilson, though, doesn't want his story to stop here. His Iowa career has started like many young Hawkeyes before him; a redshirt in 2021, limited action last season while still recovering from a knee injury suffered during 2022 spring ball. But you could see an upward trend by season's end. Hilson came oh so close to a breakthrough in the Music City Bowl, coming inches away from blocking at least one Kentucky punt.

It's possible that's again where Hilson makes his biggest 2023 impact. Whatever materializes, it's clear he'll approach it with the same fierce, competitive attitude that's brought him here.

"He's got a great attitude," Parker said, "and he's a tough kid."

Publisher: HawkFanatic
Title: Mason Richman learned from Alaric Jackson and now on rare path to join him
Author: Pat Harty
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IOWA CITY, Iowa – Alaric Jackson has the distinction of being the only four-year starting left tackle for the Iowa football team under Kirk Ferentz.

At least for now because the person who replaced him at left tackle in 2021 is also on course to be a four-year starter for the Hawkeyes.

Redshirt junior Mason Richman is expected to make his 26th career start at left tackle when Iowa faces Utah State in the season opener on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium.

"Honestly, the other day I thought about it, thinking about week one and thinking about going into the season and stuff like that," Richman said Tuesday. "With Alaric coming before me and then me coming in, I think there's just a lot of things that the past has taught me about these tackles at Iowa and what they mean, and just to be accountable to the team and be someone that everyone can count on I think is the most important thing to me.

"For me, I just want them to play the best five players. So, if I'm that every week for four years, that's great. But at the same time, I just want to see team success."

Richman's time as a starter hasn't been easy because to play left tackle at the Power Five level is a daunting task under any circumstance.

But to play left tackle as an underclassman, especially as a redshirt freshman, takes the challenge to another level because the learning process is greatly accelerated.

It's no secret that Richman and his young cohorts on the offensive line struggled last season with both run blocking and pass blocking. Some of them were asked to contribute before maybe they were ready to hold their own at this level.

Iowa only averaged 94.9 rushing yards per game last season, and that statistic certainly doesn't speak well for the Iowa offensive line.

But this is also a new season, and for the first time in his career, Richman is an upperclassman, as are four of the five offensive linemen listed as starters for Saturday's game.

Richman said being an upperclassman, in his case, a fourth-year junior, helps from a mental standpoint.

"Oh, yeah," he said. "The last couple years it's like, oh, I'm a second, third year. I've had a voice for a while as an offensive lineman. But now it's like, dude, you're getting old. That kind of thing. I turned 21, so, I was told you can legally have a drink. And I was like, what the heck.

"Just an understanding as you get higher and higher in this program of experiencing everything, your role might change just a little bit. And for me, just helping those younger guys out and just making sure we leave the jersey in a better place."

The Iowa offensive line is being counted on to help lead a much-maligned offense that has a new starting quarterback in Michigan transfer Cade McNamara and several other key additions from the transfer portal.

The group is a year older and year wiser from last season, and with that experience comes a sense of leadership, which Richman shows daily in practice.

"I feel like he's definitely a leader on the offensive line and the offense as well, and the team," senior receiver Nico Ragaini said of Richman. "I think he's doing a great job of being vocal and coaching up all the other guys. You can hear him all the time, like when the twos are in, he's correcting all the tackles if they make a mistake in a positive way.

"So, it doesn't surprise me that he's (on course) to be a four-year starter here. I'm excited for him and the offensive line and our offense this Saturday."

Richman was redshirted as a true freshman in 2020 after having appeared in three games during the Covid-shortened eight-game season.

He then won the starting left tackle position that was vacated by Jackson after the 2020 season and Richman has been in the starting lineup ever since.

And still with two seasons of eligibility, Richman could leave Iowa with over 50 career starts at left tackle over four seasons barring injuries.

Richman missed spring practice due to an injury, but he's healthy now and eager to help change the narrative on offense.

"I think right now we've got a great rotation of guys and everybody is ready for whenever their name and number is called," Richman said. "At the same time, there's a certain feeling that we have and everybody is just ready to go out there and compete against the other guys.

"There's not a single guy in the lineup that I wouldn't want to go out there with. So, that's most important thing."

Richman was asked at Iowa's weekly media gathering on Tuesday was is the expectation for the offense this season.

He is fully aware of the criticism, but he tries to avoid it just by staying the course and staying focused.

"Our expectation is just to compete and get better," Richman said.

Richman doesn't take what he has accomplished so far for granted.

But he also doesn't seem in awe of his situation as a potential four-year starter at left tackle.

"I'm not really surprised," Richman said. "I think with my work ethic and just the attitude I kind of go about it every day and my competitiveness, there was just nothing that was going to stop myself but myself.

"Four years; sure, that's a lot. Obviously, I think when I came in, I knew I wasn't going to start my first year. I was way small and way too skinny in the redshirt year."

Richman spent his freshman season in 2020 learning from watching Jackson play left tackle.

Jackson, in addition to starting all 42 games in which he played for Iowa, also earned All-America and All-Big Ten accolades as a Hawkeye.

"He has great feet and the big thing I learned from him is how he practiced and certain drills and things he did indoors just by himself," Richman said of Jackson, who now plays in the NFL for the Los Angeles Rams. "I know he had helped me with a couple of them.

"He's a great guy to look up to. I just expect nothing but success from him. He's a great dude."

Richman hasn't spoken with Jackson in a while, but he looks forward to reconnecting with his former teammate and mentor.

"I appreciate him and I learned so much from him," Richman said of Jackson.

Richman has gained about 22 pounds since he joined the Iowa program in 2020 and is now listed at 6-foot-6 and 312 pounds.

He came in as a teenager from Leawood, Kansas and will leave as an adult in select company.

"The first game, that first start I wasn't nervous at all for some reason," Richman said. "I don't know if it was I probably wasn't thinking as much. And now I'm thinking a lot more.

"I think just to understand my mental approach has changed so much, my approach to the game and my focus out there on the field. Just really appreciate everyone that has helped me with that."

At the top of that list besides Alaric Jackson is Kirk Ferentz and Iowa offensive line coach George Barnett.

"I just really appreciate what coach Ferentz and coach Barnett have instilled in me just to be able to be accountable and be someone that everyone can count on," Richman said.

Publisher: Des Moines Register | Hawk Central
Title: Jay Higgins has a chance to break out on defense
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INDIANAPOLIS – Jay Higgins was actually trying this. There he was, wearing a football helmet, jersey and pads, crouched with his hands and feet dug into the ground. Higgins was connected to an RV, using his strength to try to pull it.

His father, Roy Higgins III, was there watching. Roy knew there was no way his son could actually pull it.

But Higgins?

“Something told me I could move it,” said Higgins, who had a homecoming of sorts on Wednesday at Lucas Oil Stadium. He was one of Iowa football’s representatives at Big Ten Media Days, returning to his hometown and the stadium where he played in a high school state championship game for Brebeuf Jesuit.

Higgins kept pulling and pulling but the RV didn’t budge. He continued until Roy told him to stop.

That ambition is fitting. The 6-foot-2, 233-pound linebacker has waited his turn at Iowa and now enters his fourth season with the program expected to be a crucial part of the defense. That Higgins had the persistence to try to pull an RV makes sense. An RV, absent of luggage, weighs about 10,000 pounds. Even for elite athletes, moving one is quite the challenge.

Except … when Higgins tried to pull the RV, he wasn’t an elite athlete. Far from it.

The uniform he was wearing? It was for a youth football team — ages five to seven.

Higgins was around that age. Trying to pull an RV.

Higgins was less than 1 year old when he was a registered contestant at a rodeo. Roy was participating in bulldogging — steer wrestling — and wanted Higgins to be part of the rodeo, as well. Sitting on a saddle that was far too big for him, with legs far too short to be properly secured, he rode on a horse in front of a large crowd. Higgins got a standing ovation for his performance.

Connecting with animals was passed down in the family. A member of Roy’s family was a veterinarian in New Albany, Indiana. Roy’s father owned property. Roy took after his father’s passion for animals. Higgins took after Roy.

When Higgins was elementary school-aged, he walked right up to a dangerous reptile — either a crocodile or alligator — at a petting zoo and started touching it (the animal's mouth was wrapped for safety). He also held a smaller one. But in Indiana, being around animals also meant chores. Assisting with exercise meant Higgins got so muddy he had to be hosed off. He cut grass. He washed horses. He cleaned up poop with a pitchfork and wheelbarrow.

“Sometimes, I would get mad at him,” Roy says, “because he would be cleaning the stall and he would pick up the manure and it would be heavy and he would try to throw it in the wheelbarrow and it would fall right back on the ground. I had to go behind him and do it again.”

Fortunately, Higgins was better at sports than cleaning up animal droppings. He excelled as a two-sport athlete at Brebeuf Jesuit in Indianapolis. Higgins has an “infectious” personality, as described by Brebeuf defensive coordinator Jake Weinstein. On Wednesday, he reasoned his basketball skills were similar to LeBron James: "Just the ability to see the court, you know what I mean?” Higgins said.

During a game at Brebeuf, Weinstein thought Higgins blew a coverage and screamed at him. Later in the game, Higgins went up to Weinstein.

“Hey, coach,” Higgins said, “when we get in on Saturday, I think you’re going to be apologizing to me for that one.”

“I’m like, ‘What are you talking about?’” Weinstein recalled.

“I’m just telling you, I didn’t screw that one up,” Higgins told Weinstein.

Later, they sat in a room and watched film. Sure enough, Higgins didn’t screw up the coverage.

“Hey Jay, you were right, buddy,” Weinstein said. “That was on me.”

“He’s just able to like handle those type of situations so maturely and come back and have those conversations,” Weinstein said.

Higgins’ personality was evident to many of those around him. One time, after an exhausting Brebeuf off-season workout in scorching heat, Higgins took time to help others work on technique. Another time, during a miserable, rainy practice, Higgins opened a door leading to the field and yelled for his teammates to hear, “Let’s get it.” Then, along with a few teammates, he started singing Christmas music, which eventually spurred others to join.

At Lucas Oil Stadium on Wednesday, it wasn’t difficult to see Higgins’ energy. Toward the end of a media session, Iowa tight end Luke Lachey walked up to Higgins and asked about the players in that position group.

“They struggle, let’s be real,” Higgins said with a smile.

With 6-foot-6, 253-pound Lachey standing right in front of him, Higgins continued.

“These tight ends, they think they’re these big guys, you know? But they’re big cupcakes, you know? Lachey, he doesn’t want to get near a block. And don’t let me guard him. Don’t let me guard Luke. I mean, the guy won’t catch a pass all practice.”

When Roy met former Iowa linebacker Jack Campbell, he asked something of him.

“Promise me that you will pour everything that you learned from Iowa into my son,” Roy told Campbell.

“He said, ‘I’ll do just that,’” Roy recalled.

Campbell was the nation's top linebacker last year and is now gone from the Iowa program. So is Seth Benson, who combined with Campbell to make a brick wall in the middle of the Hawkeye defense. Part of the reason that Higgins had to wait so long for his opportunity was because he was behind that duo. After playing on special teams in his first season, he had a slightly larger role in his second, then he made a more significant jump last season, tallying 39 total tackles.

In the transfer portal era, it’s uncommon to see role players stick around a program as long as Higgins has. But Iowa believed in Higgins, and he has not forgotten that. Higgins was overlooked as a high school prospect. Iowa was the only Power 5 program to offer him a scholarship. Even after that, when other programs showed more interest, Higgins was set with his decision.

“I knew the value of trusting the process,” Higgins said. “I knew Iowa was the place for me. I wanted to go somewhere I was coached extremely hard and expectations were high, so I felt like Iowa was always my home. I knew it was a place where I could thrive. I felt comfortable to stay. Just the relationships I’ve made up there. Some of my best friends are at the University of Iowa. The relationship I have with (linebackers) coach (Seth) Wallace. I mean, I would want nothing more than to make coach (Seth) Wallace and coach (defensive coordinator Phil) Parker proud.”

For Iowa’s defense to return to dominant form this season — and for the team to have a chance at getting to the Big Ten Championship Game — the departed production of Campbell and Benson needs to be replaced. Higgins can help do that, along with returning veteran Kyler Fisher and Virginia transfer Nick Jackson.

“He doesn’t have the experience of Campbell and Benson,” Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said, “but he’s just been so strong in our program since he’s shown up. He was on the scout team, all that stuff, which a lot of guys were. But he’s just a guy that people kinda want to follow and he backs it up through his actions.”

And trying to pull that RV? It was actually Roy’s idea — a mental exercise meant to build Higgins’ confidence.

“If you want to focus, if you want to do whatever you want to do, you have the power, you have the will within yourself to do whatever you want to do in life,” Roy said.

More than a decade later, Higgins is well on his way.

Publisher: SI | Fan Nation | Inside the Hawkeyes
Title: Kaleb Brown Betting on Himself, Iowa
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IOWA CITY, Iowa - Receiver Kaleb Brown spoke with the media Tuesday for the first time since transferring here from Ohio State this offseason. A key addition for an offense in serious need of help came across as very reflective.

It makes sense. The second-year sophomore is leaving one of the country's top offenses for one that, to be nice, is not. It's a move leading others to create their own narratives.

To be clear, Brown believes success was coming with the Buckeyes. Considering their embarrassment of riches at his position, it probably wasn't imminent.

Nobody's feelings should be hurt hearing me declare Ohio State's receiver room more talented than Iowa's. If you're debating that, well, we're not on the same page.

"One of the reasons for leaving was just how stacked we were at Ohio State," Brown said.

OSU receiver coach Brian Hartline sees three first-round picks for next year's NFL Draft among the group. It's adding a five-star and three four-stars this fall in the true freshmen class.

Ergo, Brown stands a better chance playing for the Hawkeyes this season than he does in Columbus. That doesn't mean he would be on the Buckeye bench. He's playing the odds.

A soft-broken Brown seemed wary of saying too much. He certainly didn't want to utter something that could be misconstrued, taken as an insult by his former school, his new school and/or fans from both.

Again, it makes sense. He lives in a world where information travels faster than ever. It's often filled with nuance, context is needed and too often there are inaccuracies.

That's what we have here. This was a difficult decision for Brown. And it might not be the right one. But it's one made with the best intentions after a lot of deep thought.

"It was hard to up and leave my team," he said. "I definitely felt like I could have stayed and made an impact. But there's only so much time you have. I made the decision that it was something I just had to do."

A four-star prospect in the 2022 recruiting class coming out of Chicago St. Rita, Brown reported scholarship offers from Alabama, Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn State and a lot of others. He chose Ohio State, a factory for NFL players at his position.

Iowa doesn't often beat the blue bloods for recruits. The odds go down when we're talking receivers.

The Hawkeyes tried hard with Brown a few recruiting cycles ago. He talked with HN after they offered a scholarship.

While he liked them, Brown couldn't pass up playing in OSU's explosive attack. He had high hopes for Year 1, but appeared in just four games with one reception for five yards. Again, the Buckeyes were loaded on the outside.

Brown competing during his first season in college also needs context. It's impressive when considering he played running back in high school and didn't enroll early.

Last season, Ohio State ranked 14th out of 131 FBS programs nationally in passing yards (298.3) a contest. Its 42 touchdown throws were the 4th most. Iowa averaged 156.7 yards (123rd) with seven scoring passes (128th).

The Buckeyes will be fine without Brown. The Hawkeyes should be better with him. And along with talent, he brings wisdom picked up in Columbus through a season and practice in the spring.

"I feel like I took a lot away from that, just seeing the game. It was great to take from Ohio State, just to be developed by them, see how they roll and how things should be done," Brown said.

That knowledge along with his pedigree make him an exciting addition here. He joins a rebuilt offense, which is adding new starting quarterback in Cade McNamara from Michigan along with former Charleston Southern receiver Seth Anderson and other key players.

The Hawkeyes return just two scholarship receivers with a college reception. Nico Ragaini has 125. Diante Vines has 10, all coming last season.

Brown heads into training camp after a crash course with Iowa's offense this summer. He's working with McNamara and other players at his position. He has a good connection with Ragaini.

"It's definitely a process. It's not easy. But I'm working," Brown said.

Working to make the most of this opportunity. Sometimes guys just need a chance.

It's an extreme example, but we saw it when quarterback Joe Burrow won a Heisman Trophy and national championship at LSU after not cracking the lineup at Ohio State. Last year, receiver Charlie Jones earned second-team All-American honors at Purdue after catching 22 passes in two seasons at Iowa.

It should be repeated that these comparisons come with context and nuance. That said, sometimes the grass is greener somewhere else.

That's what Brown and the Hawkeyes are hoping. This offense needs a jolt. The new guy believes he can provide it given the chance.

Publisher: The Athletic
Title: Cade McNamara, Joe Evans relationship could help shape Iowa Football in 2023
Author: Scott Dochterman
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — QB Cade McNamara and DE Joe Evans have one of those "How did that happen?" relationships.

McNamara transferred to Iowa from Michigan in January. Evans began his career as a walk-on in 2018 and has tied for the team lead in sacks the past two years.

Their interactions generally are limited as players on opposite sides of the ball. But somehow in six short months, the duo went from a bad first impression to inseparable.

"Joe — me and him are usually a package deal," McNamara said. "About anywhere we go, we're together."

It didn't start that way. It was quite the opposite, in fact. There was something about McNamara that rubbed Evans the wrong way, and the defensive end couldn't shake it.

"When he first got here, we had a little interaction, and the conversation didn't go great," Evans said. "Not like anything bad was said; I remember going on like, 'I just don't know if I really liked this kid.' I'm gonna be completely honest here. I probably had some choice words — not to him. I was just like, 'Dude, this kid, man. Like, who does he think he is?'"

At the time, Evans was deciding whether to return for a sixth season, and the situation bothered him. He even took his concern to football strength coach Raimond Braithwaite.

"Coach Braithwaite is kind of like one of the guys I just tell everything to," Evans said. "If I have something to say, I'll go to his office, and we'll, like, just talk it out. It doesn't always have to be about football; it can be about everything.

"I remember kind of telling him, 'I don't know how I feel about Cade' and whatever. Coach Braithwaite was like, 'You need to, like, give it some time, and you guys need to keep working on it.'"

A few weeks later, a group of Iowa football players went to dinner, and the issue weighed on Evans, a second-team All-Big Ten defensive end. Few players have his team-first mentality, so he decided to give McNamara another shot. Both are considered team leaders and essential toward Iowa's chances of improving on an 8-5 record. It was worth it.

"He was coming along, and I'm like, 'Well, he's my teammate now,'" Evans said. "Everyone here I view as a brother, so I'm going to be as nice as possible. And the funny thing is, after the two weeks, we just hit it off. Then it just kind of kept going until we literally are just like a package deal. We just do everything together."

The duo has become inseparable, from off-field activities to workouts. When McNamara planned a week-long trip to California with his receivers and tight ends, he invited Evans to join them. Although Evans last played a skill position when he was the quarterback at Ames (Iowa) High in 2017, he played a role in keeping everyone focused.

"He was this interim head coach/head of strength and conditioning for the week," McNamara said. "He would lead, like, the conditioning while I was meeting, like, with Jordan (Palmer) at the office. He was my right-hand man the entire time."

From a rough first impression to hanging out daily to becoming roommates on Aug. 1, McNamara and Evans have demonstrated how bromances can brew from unusual circumstances. Within two weeks of Evans complaining about McNamara, Braithwaite threw it back at the defender with a laugh.

"Coach Braithwaite comes up to me before a lift and was like, 'So, you guys are kind of hitting it off now,'" Evans said. "I'm like, 'Yeah, we're like best friends.' That's kind of how that worked out."

"I wonder if this story will ever be told because Joe Evans is definitely one of the best friends I've ever had in my life," McNamara said. "He's my best friend right now, and he did not like me at first. I remember him saying that. And like, for some reason, like, two weeks into me being here, we just ended up, like, not doing anything without the other guy."

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Title: Why Iowa's LeVar Woods is one of college football's best-and most beloved- assistants
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Dejected with his football career at a crossroads, George Kittle entered his fourth season at Iowa facing multiple ankle surgeries and sitting at least third on the depth chart.

At that moment, Iowa assistant LeVar Woods shifted from outside linebackers to tight ends. It was a major change for the Hawkeyes; Woods had never coached on offense, and the program usually had graduate assistants leading tight ends. It was this move that changed Kittle's life and altered the trajectory of Iowa football.

"Honestly, I didn't have a ton of fun in football," Kittle said. "When I got him as a tight ends coach, he just kind of rigged out of that fire for me and it completely changed my mindset. He definitely pushed me back in the right direction and allowed me to start making plays and taking advantage of the opportunities that were in front of me."

Woods provided a new beginning for his tight ends. No matter how they performed for his predecessor, Woods wanted them all to feel comfortable. It wasn't going to be easy, but it would be fair and he would believe in them. That's what Kittle needed to hear. That's what he hears now in their conversations.

"He's one of my closest friends," Kittle said. "I love him. LeVar has been one of the most important people in my football career."

Eight years later, Kittle is a perennial Pro Bowl tight end with the San Francisco 49ers. Woods, 45, is considered one of college football's top assistant coaches.

He since has moved from tight ends — where he also coached NFL first-rounders T.J. Hockenson and Noah Fant — to special teams coordinator at Iowa. Woods' special teams resume includes two Big Ten returners of the year (Charlie Jones, Ihmir Smith-Marsette), two top kickers (Keith Duncan, Caleb Shudak) and the league's top punter (Tory Taylor). Last year, Taylor was a first-team All-American, while Duncan was a consensus All-American in 2019. Smith-Marsette ranks second in Big Ten history in kickoff return yardage, and kicker Drew Stevens was named a freshman All-American last year.

Each of the players have different levels of personality and background. Kittle, Smith-Marsette and Duncan are extroverts, while Shudak is reserved. Taylor is a 25-year-old Australian, and Stevens was a true freshman who looked like a middle-schooler before packing on 30 pounds this offseason.

On a random Wednesday in early June, Woods met with potential recruits throughout much of the day. During a break, he took a call from Duncan, who runs his own kicking school in the Des Moines area. A few minutes later, Woods walked to the special teams meeting room and Stevens was inside.

"He's honestly just a players' coach," Duncan said, "and he's pretty good at what he does, obviously. He's a great person, a great coach, and I could go on and on about him."

Like with Kittle, Duncan and Shudak faced adversities that could have led to exits without Woods. Duncan was the starting kicker in 2016 and drilled the game-winning field goal to upset No. 2 Michigan. He then lost his position for two seasons before regaining it in 2019. Before the 2020 season, Shudak entered the transfer portal. Woods persuaded him to stay and found him a scholarship. In 2021, Shudak became one of the nation's top kickers. He's now on the Tennessee Titans' roster.

Woods said in 2020 he would "cry literal tears" if Shudak transferred. "That really meant a lot," the kicker responded.

So, what makes Woods so relatable? It starts with building relationships and filling a void.

Woods' first task in 2015 was to invite his tight ends to his home for an introduction. He and his wife, Meghann, opted for pizza as an icebreaker.

“I’m brand new with them,” he said. “They had never been over to a coach’s house. They’ve always had a graduate assistant as their position coach. ‘Well, what do you guys like? Whatever pizza you want, I don’t care.’ ‘What about the Wig & Pen? It’s like really expensive.’ I was like, ‘Yeah, it’s no problem.’”

“They were so happy to have Wig & Pen pizza,” Meghann Woods said. “I guess I remember I couldn’t afford that in college, either. They were so excited to be here, and they were so excited to be with LeVar.”

Woods keeps in touch with dozens, perhaps hundreds, of former players for life updates and birthday wishes. When the college season concludes, he regularly takes one of his children on a road trip to watch a former player. Often it’s Kittle. Sometimes it’s his first Iowa protégé, linebacker Christian Kirksey.

But Woods stays in contact with more than just the NFL stars. In 2015, Jake Duzey was in line to become Iowa’s next NFL star tight end. Late in spring football, Duzey tore the patella tendon in his knee. He barely saw action during the season. Then Duzey reinjured the knee in a Rose Bowl practice. He never achieved his NFL dream.

“I got a year to play with him but never really got to play,” Duzey said. “He was constant support and always made sure I kept my head up. Who knows, I’d be lost without that guy, too. To this day, he reaches out and sees how everything is going. He helped me look for jobs, trying to make sure that I’d be OK without football.”

It’s not that Woods has an outsized personality. In fact, it’s the opposite. He’s understated and calm. Professional and personable. His ability to lead comes from his background as a former starter at multiple positions at Iowa, then as a seven-year NFL vet who made his living on special teams. He understands the sting of defeat and the prolonged pain of injuries. He also knows the joy of overcoming adversity to achieve personal and team goals. Some players are drawn to him as a father figure. Woods reciprocates because he grew up without one.

Woods was born in Cleveland in 1978 to parents who were medics in the Vietnam War. His parents split up when he was young, and his mother moved Woods and his younger sister to Iowa’s far northwest corner near Sioux Falls, S.D. They moved regularly, but his mother was always there for him. But that doesn’t mean he didn’t want his father, whom he met only at his high school graduation.

He has dealt with those feelings throughout his life. Woods has three children — college sophomore Sydney, high school junior Mason and fifth-grader Whitney. During Sydney’s final season of high school volleyball, Woods rearranged schedules to ensure he didn’t miss any of her matches, whether they were 2 miles up the road at Iowa City West or 90 miles away in Dubuque.

“I don’t want to miss out on anything,” he said, fighting through emotion. “My mom was there for everything. My dad was not, and he had plenty of opportunities to be there. I don’t ever want my kids to say that I wasn’t there. They know I work a job where I’m not always around, but I don’t ever want them to say I missed something that was important to them. So whether I’m a good dad or not, I have no idea. I just know I try to show up.”

This fall will be difficult for Woods with Mason playing games on Friday nights when college coaches have player meetings and recruiting responsibilities. Iowa has offered Mason Woods a scholarship, though — he is considered one of the state’s top 2025 prospects.

“He’s a great dad,” Meghann said. “I think it makes it hard that his job takes him away for so much of it because he does hate missing all the things.”

There are times when Woods’ efforts lead to discussions that sound a bit like lectures to his children, especially Mason, but they come from a good place.

“It was my mom that played football with me,” LeVar Woods said. “My mom hit baseballs with me. It was my mom that did all the stuff when she could. My mom also worked 60, 80 hours a week. She was phenomenal. But all I ever really wanted was a dad.

"I heard some of that's probably filling voids."

Woods joined Iowa's football program as a player in 1996. After redshirting for a year, he saw limited action early, then became a stalwart amid the transition from Hayden Fry to Kirk Ferentz. As a senior, Woods became a team captain and an honorable mention All-Big Ten linebacker. He also met Meghann Hunt, the daughter of Lawrence Hunt, who was a first-team All-Big Eight defensive tackle at Iowa State in 1973. Her godfather is Cyclones great Matt Blair, a six-time Pro Bowler with the Minnesota Vikings. Yet, Meghann had little interest in the sport.

"I grew up around football and going to football," she said. "I didn't enjoy watching because it was probably always on TV. I just got used to it."

That changed when they started dating. In 2001, they were married in Ames and spent their honeymoon in Iowa City. Woods had to train for the NFL, while Meghann worked two jobs at the time.

Undrafted, Woods signed a free-agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals. He played four years with the Cardinals and primarily saw action on special teams. In 2003, Woods was named a finalist for the Walter Payton Man of the Year with his charity work. He later played for Detroit, Chicago and Tennessee. In 88 games over seven years, Woods finished with 168 tackles.

When his NFL career concluded, Woods had options. He had a real estate license and spent time in the NFL's executive and entrepreneurship programs. To figure out the family's next step, they moved back to Iowa City. Woods signed on as an administrative assistant and helped with recruiting visits. That lasted four years. He filled in as a linebackers coach in 2010 when defensive coordinator Norm Parker was hospitalized. Then in 2012, Woods was elevated to linebackers and special teams assistant.

"Going to the office every day, I think the bug just kind of bit him," Meghann said. "It just kind of happened naturally. I think he gravitated toward it."

Under Woods, individual players have improved — as proved by their accolades — but no unit of Iowa football has made more strides than special teams. In Woods' first year as special teams coordinator, Iowa ranked 62nd nationally in special teams efficiency, according to ESPN's Football Power Index. The past four years, the Hawkeyes ranked fourth three times and sixth once. No team nationally has ranked that highly more than twice over that span.

Starters fight to compete for roles on Woods' units. Butkus Award-winning linebacker Jack Campbell demanded to play on the punt team. First-team All-Big Ten cornerback Cooper DeJean has become one of the best gunners in program history. Even more, scholarship players and walk-ons who don't appear on a depth chart take pride in becoming critical special-teamers.

Among the many examples includes Henry Marchese, who never made the two-deep. In his final two regular-season games in 2021, Marchese sprung Jones with a key block on a 100-yard kickoff return. The next week, Marchese blocked a punt for a touchdown. The Hawkeyes trailed by double digits in both games and won them both.

"LeVar has really worked hard at it," Ferentz said. "Part of that job is to get players to understand how important they are. A guy like Henry, you're not playing on offense, not playing defense, where you can maybe find a role on special teams and take pride and help the team win.

"LeVar has really grown into that role, really embraced it. That's how he made his living in the NFL, being a good special teams player. So he can fully appreciate the value of it."

Woods also has become one of Iowa's most proficient recruiters. His experience as one of only two biracial students (he and his sister) in a rural high school helps him relate to young Black players from metro areas moving to Iowa. Likewise, he is comfortable understanding small-town players who view Iowa City as a large community.

In The Athletic's Iowa Recruiting Confidential in 2022, which asked six high school coaches throughout the state about recruiting, Woods received rave reviews. Coaches from central Illinois, Omaha, Neb., and the Dallas Metroplex have expressed the same opinions.

In 2020, Woods traveled to Australia to sign Taylor, who was training at Pro Kick Australia. Woods' laidback personality immediately put Taylor's family at ease.

"The moment I met him, he made me feel really comfortable," Taylor said. "He's one of the best people I've ever met, and he pushes us every day."

With his on-field prowess coupled with the personal anecdotes, it seems Woods has more to offer beyond a coordinator position. The 247Sports coach rating index ranked Woods sixth among college football's coaches. The organization's list included head coaches and assistants.

It begs the question: What does Woods' future hold?

"I want to be a head coach someday," he said. "Whether it's college or pro, I don't know. Right now, I'm in the season of life where I'm with my kids, and this year, we had a tough decision to make. It felt like it was best for the family that we're going to do this here at Iowa.

"If I wasn't coaching here, I could see myself going high school, and I could see myself going to the NFL. Aspiration-wise, I'm not totally sure, in that regard. But I've thought about this before: Could I coach at another school? I certainly could, as long as the people were right, the place was right. I don't know if it would mean the same."

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IOWA CITY, Iowa - Hawkeye linebacker Zach Twedt was leaving a Walmart in Iowa City when he spotted two stranded girls.

Riley Uthe's car had just run out of gas on her way to the gym with her best friend Emma Kuepker.

It was a familiar sight for Twedt, who stopped to help single mom Tina Gunn, who had a flat tire near Story City, so she could get home to Omaha last year in July. Gunn detailed Twedt's good deed on social media and the story went viral.

A night before the anniversary of meeting Gunn, he did it again. Twedt pulled over in his truck to help the pair of 17-year-old girls, who were traumatized from an event they experienced the night before.

"It really was just a reminder when a lot of people are kicking you down, there's a lot of good people in our community," Uthe's mom Salina McCarty said.

Early Sunday morning, the girls went out to a restaurant for pizza with a friend and there was gunfire in downtown Iowa City.

The Iowa City Police Department responded to reports of shots fired at the Pedestrian Mall around 1 a.m. on July 9 and officers located shell casings and property damage. The incident involving two men is currently under investigation, according to a news release.

The people with weapons ended up in the same parking ramp as the girls, which caused more fear, according to McCarty. On Sunday afternoon, Uthe went to hang out with Kuepker.

"She was pretty scared the next day and had a lot of anxiety. She had gone to pick up Emma, gone to the gym, and her Jeep Renegade is having an issue with the gas reader," McCarty said. "We remind her (to) just fill up every day, but she's 17 and even if I was told to do that, I wouldn't as her mom and she eventually ran out of gas."

McCarty and her husband Curtis Uthe showed up a few minutes after, but things started to go awry.

"Curtis bought a gallon of gas that they sell in the store now and the paper funnel wasn't able to handle the gas tank," McCarty said.

Then, Twedt stopped and left to grab something from his house.

"Five minutes later it was Zach again and he had a full portable tank of gas and insisted on helping and got the car started. It was so kind," McCarty said.

Twedt said he does not seek attention for good deeds.

Why Twedt became a walking billboard for 'Iowa Nice'

After filling the gas tank, McCarty had a question for Twedt, who was donning a "Hawkeye Football" T-shirt.

"I just asked him, 'Is it OK if I post about what he did because my daughter is going through some stuff right now ...' we needed this boost of kindness," she said.

McCarty said it was a "bright, beautiful and inspiring" moment during a difficult weekend.

"His willingness to do it so quickly and to be there was really, really something we haven't experienced in a while, and it was genuine. Genuine acts of kindness are amazing," McCarty added. "He was so wonderful, so kind, and followed up to make sure everything was OK."

The junior at the University of Iowa said he enjoys helping others. He is inspired by his friend Gunn, who works as an operations manager at an Omaha hospital system, and his dad Seth, who is a second-generation farmer and lieutenant at the Ames Fire Department.

"My old man's always preaching on me that 'You think you're having a long day or a tough day? You never know what someone's going through,'" Twedt added.

Last week, Zach Twedt reunited with Gunn at his family's Tall T Farms in Story City.

McCarty is the co-founder of a Coralville-based nonprofit organization Houses into Homes, which provides services for community members in crisis situations. She is looking forward to reuniting with Twedt when the football team helps the charity.

From Kinnick Stadium to city streets and Story County highways, Twedt said he will continue to do what he can to be "Iowa Nice."

"Life's too short. Nobody's too good regardless of if I'm on the football team or just a farm kid from Story City, Iowa. It don't matter."

Publisher: FanNation
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IOWA CITY, Iowa -- Kelby Telander admitted he was a little jealous.

Telander, a sophomore linebacker at Iowa, has a cochlear implant. And when he went with teammates Yahya Black and T.J. Hall to the Mississippi Bend AEA Deaf Camp in Bettendorf in June, Telander saw some of the implants the children had.

“Some of them have the brand-new Neptune,” Telander said, laughing. “It was cool for me to see. I was like, ‘You’ve got this? I don’t have that.’ I’m missing out on so much — theirs have Bluetooth, and they’re water-proof. It was kind of crazy to sit there and compare with them.”

Telander understood the challenges the children were facing — he got his cochlear implant when he was 3 years old. Black and Hall, who took an American Sign Language class in the spring semester, also were impacted by the visit.

“It was cool to see from my perspective, obviously, because I have a cochlear implant,” Telander said. “I wanted to compare and look back on where I was at in my life, when I was at that age. Just to see how much I’ve progressed over time, see the problems that they’re dealing with.”

“These kids, they have their own stories,” said Black, a junior defensive lineman. “They’re kind of a left-out group. … It’s a reality check. It brings me down to the fact that it's not all football, football and football.”

“It was cool to see how happy they were when we played football,” said Hall, a sophomore defensive back. “Even with the hearing disability, even with the implants, they were kids playing football, having fun.”

Telander said he understood the challenges the children face, especially when it comes to playing sports.

“I was at that point when I was a kid playing,” he said. “I had the same questions, the same worries.

“For the most part in the deaf community, people speaking to them don’t have a cochlear implant, so they don’t understand where they’re coming from. That was something I had to deal with growing up. So to speak from my end, my experience, it was a lot more understanding for them.”

Telander faced questions on how the receiver for the implant stays on during football — “My direct answer was we have our helmets on, so that keeps it attached. But when you’re in a contact sport, it’s bound to come off,” he said.

And there was also a question about how to deal with communication on the field. Telander played quarterback and safety at Iowa City Liberty, where he was in more direct communication to make the calls. As a linebacker, though, “We’re not making the calls any more. Your head’s on a swivel, and it’s only a matter of 10 seconds,” he said.

One message Telander made sure to pass on was one that came from his mother when he was young.

“My mom always told me being different is unique. Being normal is boring,” he said. “I was just trying to give them a different perspective, for motivation.”

The motivation, Black and Hall said, worked both ways.

“It was cool to have another perspective,” Black said. ““The best part is, I know that’s the next generation. And that’s what’s after me, and that’s who will lead the world someday. It’s good to know I’m leaving some sort of imprint or impact on their lives, as people have left on me. I know it’s a lasting memory that will live forever. That’s good for me to know.”

“I love seeing people happy, I love seeing kids happy,” Hall said. “There are a lot of negative things in the world. When you can brighten somebody’s day, and they can take something from it — I hope this is something they can remember for a long time. That’s always something cool that I can take from it.

“Most of our lives are about football. But when you can take away time and help kids, it’s a little bit refreshing.”

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Title: Iowa's Gennings Dunker: Hay bale toss champ, duck herder and most interesting man in CFB
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — With a half-eaten sandwich in one hand and a bottled sports drink in the other, Gennings Dunker, at first glance, looked ill-prepared for and not interested in taking on a conversation at Iowa's media day.

But during the next 10 minutes, Dunker held court on a range of topics so broad that it baffled the mind that a sophomore offensive lineman could be that deep while appearing so shallow. He's sarcastic and comedic yet serious and studious. Dunker's dimensions — 6 feet 5, 320 pounds — belie the size he seems to pack on that monstrous frame.

As the only underclassman listed as a starter along Iowa's offensive line, Dunker has the trajectory to impact Big Ten football. But it's the anecdotes he's attached to that stand out. Each one helps form a mosaic of one of college football's most interesting — and eccentric — personalities.

With fire-engine red hair and a mustache to match, plus the team's broadest shoulders, Dunker looks like a modern-day Paul Bunyan. His weight room exploits confirm that comparison, with a 680-pound squat and 15 bench-press reps of 345 pounds, all before his 20th birthday. He barely missed the program record in the squat, which was set by center Logan Jones at 700 pounds, but even Dunker's weightlifting rival acknowledged he wouldn't be long to hold the mark.

"Dunk is definitely going to get it eventually," Jones said. "I'm just happy I have it over his head right now."

There are many reasons Jones likes holding the record. But primarily it's because of how Dunker celebrated his second consecutive title in the Solon Beef Days hay bale toss, an annual summer ritual Iowa offensive linemen have dominated for a generation. Dunker launched a hay bale, which weighs between 50 and 60 pounds, 14 feet and 6 inches over a bar to set the event record. Jones lost in the finals against Dunker, and the trash talk has intensified since that July evening.

"I really should be better, but I just can't help myself when it comes to Logan Jones," Dunker said. "I love Logan Jones. I like to mess with him a lot. It's a great time. It's one of my favorite things to do. I just had a large Casey's coffee right beforehand, and I was ready to roll."

Jones offered context to the competition. It was the final day of summer workouts, and he had played 18 holes of golf that day. He said he "was a little worn out" but wanted to throw a little scare into Dunker's repeat hopes.

"Dunk thought he had it in the bag, and I was like, 'I'm gonna give him a run for his money here,'" Jones said. "We went up to throw 14-6. We each had three attempts. I was like, 'I'm gonna give Dunk the win. Let him take it. He's been preparing for it.' I let him have the win.

"He's just been holding it over me freaking since he did it. He's very happy about that. He likes to rub it in my face."

At a team meeting the following Monday, Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz announced the results to the team. Dunker avoided any semblance of humility.

"He was talking a little crap," Ferentz said. "Gennings exaggerated a little bit. I think he said he was, like, 2 feet in front — it was more like inches. So I think he pissed Logan off, and you may see an upset next year."

The Solon Beef Days hay bale toss might have given Dunker fame, but his personality has given him cult status.

The origins of 'Dunk'

Dunker grew up in Lena, Ill., located 100 miles northeast of Iowa near where the state meets Illinois and Wisconsin. With a father who was a powerlifter, weight training came naturally for Dunker. Football prowess, however, did not.

“He was a good-sized freshman but not gigantic,” Lena-Winslow High football coach Ric Arand said. “He was a horrible athlete and a horrible football player his freshman year in high school. Absolutely god-awful. Then he found the weight room, and it’s quite obvious he’s never stopped seeing the weight room.”

Thanks to a disciplined regimen and speed-training workouts with the track coach, Dunker became the starting left tackle as a sophomore for a state semifinalist team. In his junior year, Lena-Winslow won the Illinois state championship.

“I still wouldn’t say I’m a great athlete,” Dunker said. “I came up with a plan and just kind of followed that. I don’t even know what I weighed my freshman year — like, 180. Then I graduated at 280.”

Dunker was undetected as a college prospect until he stumbled upon Iowa’s coaching staff. Ferentz and assistant coach Seth Wallace, who recruits Illinois, were at Lena-Winslow talking with former Iowa signee Isaiah Bruce when Dunker came out of nowhere and made a big impression with his size 17 shoes.

“We’re standing in the entryway of the school, and our cafeteria is right next to it,” Arand said. “And this tall, red-headed kid comes walking out of the cafeteria, had a legitimate question for me, and it was Gennings. He was wearing bright red tennis shoes — which, again, is not unusual for him. I was standing next to coach Wallace when Gennings came up, and he just said, ‘Hey, Coach’ and asked me a question. Coach Wallace looked right at him, looked down at his feet, and he goes, ‘What is your name?’ That was the only reason that Iowa ever saw Gennings.”

A bale-tossing ‘bookworm’

Dunker has a studious side that contrasts with his outsized personality. He’s majoring in human physiology with a pre-med track. In all four semesters at Iowa, Dunker has earned dean’s list distinction. He doesn’t own a television and is a voracious reader.

His favorite book is “Man’s Search for Meaning” by Viktor E. Frankl, an Austrian psychiatrist and Holocaust survivor. Dunker prefers nonfiction, although when he was younger, he read “Harry Potter” and other books. His aptitude for reading began early, and he won prizes for Lena-Winslow’s accelerated reading program.

“He was actually a bookworm. He was a nerd,” Arand said. “He was always the top kid, not only in his class but in the entire school. He was a nonstop reader, and probably so much to the extent that he was actually a distraction to teachers in class. Rather than doing a math assignment, for example, he’d always have a book in his hand.”

That scholarly nature has spilled over to football. At Iowa, he has bought into the style of play and weightlifting routine. Dunker credits offensive line coach George Barnett for his development but said former offensive lineman Matt Fagan was “the only reason I played a snap last year.” Dunker rotated snaps last fall and started at guard in the Music City Bowl as a redshirt freshman.

“His upside, obviously, is what you think it is,” Barnett said. “He’s very talented. He cares a ton. He has an energy and pace about him that you just want to be around and you want other kids to see and you want recruits to see. Then you put on the size, and you put on the ability, and it’s like, ‘Holy crap.’”

Dunker’s raw ability has allowed him to get by physically as he refines his fundamentals. The staff has chosen to keep him at right tackle during camp rather than shift him around.

“There’s a lot to be encouraged about,” Ferentz said. “Even when he was doing things wrong technically, it still looked OK. So if you can get him to do it right and get him the way he needs to do it, it might look really good.”

“Dunk is all strength all the time,” Iowa football strength coach Raimond Braithwaite said. “He’s a force-driven athlete, so a lot of that stuff comes naturally to him. There’s areas of development that he still has to undergo. People see a big, hulking mass of a man, and he’ll even acknowledge that he has to develop more fluidity, which he understands. I think that’s the next step in his physical evolution.”

There are numerous Dunk stories at Lena-Winslow. Dunker wanted a new shirt for max power clean day, so he went to the local Goodwill and found matching Hawaiian shirts. He cut off the arms for himself and handed the other to Arand, who Dunker said “really loved that shirt.”

“He always shopped at thrift stores,” Arand said. “You’d say, ‘Where did you get it?’ And before you even get that out of your mouth, you’d know that he got it at the thrift store.”

On his final day of classes at Lena-Winslow, Dunker let animals loose inside the high school as a senior prank. He considered mice or gerbils but wisely opted for ducks. Dunker put them in a dog kennel, packed them in the back of his pickup, “drove smartly” and then let them loose.

“When ducks get freaked out, they just poop everywhere. So they were just pooping all over the hallways,” he said. “The principal told me I wouldn’t get my diploma if I didn’t clean it up.”

Dunker still has three years of eligibility at Iowa, but he already has filled a barrel with college stories, most of which are untapped. Yes, he drank 14 protein shakes a day as a freshman. He chose ducks over mice for his senior prank, not because he was afraid the mice would scurry away and become a problem but because “they might get kicked, and that wouldn’t be great.”

“He’s one of the smarter guys we’ve had, based on the courses and grades,” Ferentz said. “The courses he takes I can’t pronounce, and the grades he gets. But he really hides it well. Like, when you talk to him, it’s like, ‘Really?’”

“Sometimes he’ll make you want to think that he’s not thinking. But he’s thinking; the wheels are spinning,” Barnett said. “My son comes to the facility after practice during the spring, and I can’t find him. I’m like, ‘James, where you at?’ Well, he’s in the meeting room with Dunk, just laughing. But that’s who Dunk is. He can be with a 60-year-old and make their day, and he can be with a 14-year-old and make their day.”

“Gennings is an interesting study,” Wallace said. To Arand, Dunker is “like a little kid in a huge man’s body.” As a seventh-grader, Dunker said his father dropped him off at a family friend’s farm and told him not to come home until the hay was baled. “I won’t mention the name of the farmer because I think there’s child labor laws or something,” Dunker joked.

“The funniest thing is you’ll be talking to him, and if he doesn’t know what to say, he’ll flex at you,” Jones said. “He’ll give you a bicep flex or he’ll just start blinking really fast. It’s hilarious.”

As for preferring reading in his downtime, Dunker said, “You learn a lot more (from reading) than just watching TV and watching SpongeBob.”

If there’s a way to summarize Dunker’s whimsical ways, it’s the nontraditional manner in which he catches catfish. One day, he took fellow offensive lineman Mason Richman to catch bluegill on a lake near Hills, Iowa. Afterward, Dunker fileted the bluegill, and they left for the Iowa River that cuts through Iowa City. Dunker used
portions of the bluegill as catfish bait on large hooks, attached them to 2-liter bottles, stripped down to his shorts and shoes and waded out to the middle of the river.

“He just looked like the funniest dude ever,” Richman said. “I think coach Ferentz likes that guy more than anyone else on the team. Obviously, offensive line is a good part of it, and just the way he acts.

“We love that guy. He’s just a really, really good character for us and just brings something different to the room each and every day. We appreciate him for it.”

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — No matter where Kaleb Johnson stands on the practice field, the sun seems to shine on the Iowa Hawkeyes running back.

Blessed with a chiseled physique that many NFL runners strive to achieve with year-round conditioning, Johnson stands out among his teammates. At 6 feet and 225 pounds, veins bulge from his biceps like train tunnels through a mountain. Yet he carries it so naturally, it's almost minimized by the true sophomore.

"He was touched by God, so to speak, from a physical standpoint," Iowa football strength coach Raimond Braithwaite said. "He looks like a Greek god. A statue."

But physical traits are hardly unusual among elite running backs, and that's something Johnson has learned this offseason. Last year, Johnson rushed for an Iowa freshman record 779 yards and burst out with a 200-yard performance at Purdue that earned Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week honors. Overall, Johnson averaged 5.2 yards per carry and scored six touchdowns.

Just about every yard he earned in 2022 came naturally. Johnson, who turned 20 on Monday, arrived at Iowa barely 14 months ago. He played sporadically and, at times, timidly throughout his freshman season. After watching himself on video and talking with Braithwaite and running backs coach Ladell Betts, Johnson recognizes his potential and what he needs to do to achieve it.

"Last year, I was kind of scared, timid because I didn't know what to expect," Johnson said. "I came from high school straight to college and played against people that were older than me about two, three years."

Even with a frame like Johnson's, it's easy to forget players are away from home and their insecurities are often exposed for the first time since entering high school. Not only did he play behind an undeveloped offensive line, but Johnson faced seven of the nation's top 14 defenses last year, not including the No. 2 overall unit in practice every day.

Those competitions hardened him on the field and sharpened his offseason focus. Johnson needed to learn more about positional nuance and further develop his body. Building the proper mindset is where it starts. That's where Braithwaite and Betts came into focus.

"Being 18 years old and being physically gifted, you can cut corners in certain things like your sleep habits, your dietary habits," Braithwaite said. "This guy can eat a tray of brownies and probably keep a six-pack, whereas I'd look at one and I'm just like huge. Things like that, he has grown to understand that he can't take for granted. That's going to be the next step that separates him.

"One of his goals is to be one of the best running backs to ever come out of the university, which is a lofty statement. But there has to be some action behind that talk."

Braithwaite described the process as an everyday approach, something Johnson has embraced. The 10 pounds he has gained since last season led to muscular growth, not hidden pockets around his midsection. Johnson listens intently to Betts, who can help the young man achieve his NFL goals.

"He has a natural feel for running the football, obviously, that's why we recruited him," Betts said. "He definitely has good vision, good feel, good feet. Now it's about trying to maximize on that and continue to get better. And the best thing that can happen for him is what has actually already happened, is the guys around him are getting better as well."

Betts endured one of the most difficult eras in Iowa history from the end of Hayden Fry's tenure through Kirk Ferentz's rebuild. But Betts is the only player in Iowa history to lead the program in rushing for four consecutive seasons and ranks second

in career rushing yards at 3,686. He became a second-round draft pick, played nine NFL seasons and produced 1,599 yards from scrimmage in 2006, along with 1,154 on the ground that year.

"Coach Betts, man, I love that dude," Johnson said. "He cares so much, and the thing that makes me believe in him even more is that he was in the league, so he understands what the standard is to be great at that level."

Youth, inexperience and injuries prevented Iowa's offensive line from competing up to its standard the last two seasons. Of the 80 starts by Iowa's offensive line last season, 67 were by underclassmen. The Hawkeyes averaged 2.9 yards per carry overall, which Johnson almost doubled on his own. His 200-yard rushing performance at Purdue was the first by an Iowa freshman in a regular-season game.

"He's a big, strong running back and he had a great freshman season," Iowa center Logan Jones said. "With the development of the offensive line, we're gonna be able to help him succeed more. Last year we struggled a little bit, but it starts up front and he knows that. We have a great relationship with Kaleb. We want to block for him."

Johnson's attentiveness has helped him remain on task and goal-oriented. Since he was a child, he has kept copious notes and written affirmations. It helped him stay focused in his pursuit of becoming a starting running back at Hamilton (Ohio) High School.

"I kept doing that, kept saying that, and it happened," Johnson said.

Johnson eyes improvement in multiple areas, but especially as a receiver. He caught four passes for 27 yards last year and wants to become more than a one-dimensional running back. On kickoff return, Johnson averaged 25 yards on 13 returns and told special teams coach LeVar Woods in his offseason studies that he saw two openings where he could have scored touchdowns.

As a running back, Johnson could leverage his size a bit more to wear down defenses. He has an upright style of running, but finishing runs with contact could elevate his game to an elite level.

"I tell him all the time defenses get tired of tackling," Betts said. "If they have a guy that keeps attacking them and attacking them play after play, they don't like that. They don't want to have to deal with that."

"He weighed in at 225, so he's like Shonn Greene right now," Braithwaite said about the program's only Doak Walker Award winner. "Only he doesn't look like Shonn Greene. He's a taller, longer guy."

Johnson has reverence for running backs from the past and present, listing Marshall Faulk and Eric Dickerson along with Najee Harris and especially Derrick Henry as his favorites. Johnson aspires to have a stiff-arm like Henry's and "just own it." He also has his own brand of bravado now that his initial apprehension has faded.

"You're going to see something," he said.

"He's still young," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "He's still learning. He's got so much ability, and he's doing well. I don't mean to say it in a disparaging way, but he still has a lot more there, like just little things."

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — When one strips away the wins, the accolades and the fancy facilities, what Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz stakes his reputation upon is how he molds offensive lines.

From 1981 to 1989, Ferentz built the Hawkeyes' offensive line into one of the nation's best units. As an offensive line coach with the Baltimore Ravens, Ferentz helped develop Jonathan Ogden into a Hall of Fame offensive tackle. Under Ferentz, the Hawkeyes have had six offensive linemen selected in the first round of the NFL Draft — second most among college football programs — in the last two decades. Ferentz's best Iowa protege, Marshal Yanda, is a likely Pro Football Hall of Fame selection and was a third-round pick in 2007.

That history built a foundation but didn't block anything besides a legacy last fall. Iowa's offensive line was ravaged by inexperience, attrition and injuries. Only 13 starts came from upperclassmen and just five from an original scholarship lineman. The center flipped over from defensive tackle, the left tackle had lingering issues with a dislocated kneecap and inconsistency plagued every position. It led to 38 sacks — a 15-year high — and 2.92 yards per carry.

But one step at a time, the offensive line has grown. Left tackle Mason Richman had surgery in January to repair the ligament around his kneecap and it has bolstered his confidence. Center Logan Jones no longer has to think like Rimington Award winner Tyler Linderbaum; he now can react like the first-rounder. The lumps the offensive line has taken in games against Big Ten defenses have aided its development of more than a thousand scout-team reps.

"We're not there yet by any stretch," Ferentz said. "But I think we'll have a chance maybe to play a level where it kind of meets the standard we're looking for. And it's not because I haven't tried. There are a million things that factor into it.

"That's one area I know a little something about in football: That's about it. I've been saying you really can't microwave maturity. You just can't do it. That is a position where maturity really shows up."

For a developmental program like Iowa, the ideal situation up front is to start at least three multiyear upperclassmen, perhaps a talented sophomore and then rotate a senior or junior with an underclassman. Then one of Ferentz's late-blooming "good stories" would emerge. For the better part of a generation, that philosophy served Iowa both in annual competition and program maintenance.

But in 2021, the pipeline tapped out. Iowa's 2018 and 2019 recruiting classes struggled to produce capable linemen. The two most promising candidates — the late Cody Ince and Justin Britt — suffered career-ending injuries. Others either didn't reach expectations, transferred or both. Then injuries shredded the unit. At best it looked ordinary. Against good defenses, the line was exposed.

Last year, the Hawkeyes faced seven of the nation's top 14 statistical defenses. Any upward trajectory was muted by the quality and growth of its opponent.

Offensive line coaches often deal with numbers because position flexibility is expected. Iowa wants at least seven, maybe eight, linemen available to play winning football every Saturday. Offensive line coach George Barnett walked into a depleted room in 2021 "having a couple of headliners and then patches." There was Linderbaum, a unanimous first-team All-American, flanked by several linemen seeing action for the first time. It was even worse in 2022 when the youngsters forced to play too early in 2021 still were developing and there was no All-Big Ten lineman to help in a pinch. Injuries were rampant.

"I think you block people and play winning football with juniors and seniors," Barnett said. "I think there's a maturation process at that position the closer you get to the ball."

But for the first time since 2020, Iowa might have a unit with enough depth and talent to compete the way it wants. The Hawkeyes return five players up front with double-digit career starts, plus two grad transfers who were multiyear starters. In addition, there are rotational linemen from last year with spot starts making a push.

“I think we have some competition in the group, which we haven’t had,” Ferentz said. “We’ve been trying to survive. Now we’ve got competition, and maybe with a little bit of luck, we’ll probably be able to play at the tempo we want to play at.

“That’s our goal. We’re not there yet, but I feel a lot better.”

Jones (6 feet 3, 290 pounds) is the linchpin to Iowa’s resurgence up front. A knee injury cost Jones all but two games of the 2021 season. Ferentz sought Jones to switch to center and potentially replace Linderbaum. A deep pool at defensive tackle made the flip easier to handle.

With a program-record 700-pound squat, Jones has uncommon strength for an average-sized body. He also has rare explosiveness, but it became an issue for him last year. Teammates and coaches mentioned Linderbaum’s quickness off the ball, and Jones strived to match it. That caused several bad snaps as he developed muscle memory and a better mental approach.

“I’m a lot more comfortable with what I’m doing and the calls that I’m making,” Jones said. “I know what I need to do now. I know how I need to do it, why I need to do it, just everything that I didn’t really know last year. I know the why conceptually of our offense: why I need to get there; why I need to get vertical; where the backs are hitting, just things like that.”

“Logan probably should get a medal for the way he played last year,” Ferentz said. “Because what he did was so difficult, moving him in March and then starting every game. He played pretty well last year. Everything he does is just at such a high level. So to think he’s not going to be better this year and next year, like seriously?”

Richman (6-6, 312) has 25 starts at left tackle, which included 12 games in 2021. In previous eras, Richman would have rotated at guard that season, and perhaps kicked outside last year. Instead, he received an education against some of college football’s top defensive ends over the last two years. Losing those one-on-one matchups, combined with fighting a lingering knee issue, dipped his confidence.

“He can be an overthinker because he’s really intelligent,” Barnett said. “He cares so dang much. He’s starting to play with a little more rhythm and feel and not worrying about this and worrying about that.”

This offseason, Richman doubled down mentally and physically. He was unable to compete in spring football, but he battled quarterback Cade McNamara each morning to arrive first at the facility, always before 5 a.m.

Connor Colby (6-6, 311) started 11 games at guard in 2021, the most ever for a true freshman under Ferentz. Last year, Colby kicked out to right tackle but struggled in his sets and shifted to left guard for the final six games. A four-star prospect, Colby has opened 24 career contests.

“Nobody wants to hear it, but we’ve had injuries,” Ferentz said. “We’ve had some unusual personnel situations. Connor Colby is a great example, in my opinion. Connor was a really good prospect, and he’s a really good young man, and he’s going to be a really good player. But we threw him in there two years ago, and he wasn’t ready.”

Others have dealt with their own trials. Nick DeJong (6-6, 305), a senior who began his career as a walk-on, has 17 starts over four different positions. Now a sophomore, Beau Stephens (6-6, 319) opened 10 games last year at right guard. Tyler Elsbury (6-5, 312), a junior, and Gennings Dunker (6-5, 320), a sophomore, combined for three starts last year. They’re joined by a pair of grad transfers. Rusty Feth (6-5, 310) had 34 starts at Miami (Ohio), and Daijon Parker (6-5, 315) opened 19 games at Division II Saginaw Valley State.

Now, they're all experienced. They're all battle-tested. They compete daily against one of the nation's top defenses but no longer become the daily party favor. There's better chemistry and execution in their outside zone and they genuinely like one another. That doesn't mean this unit will become a dominant force like some of its predecessors, but it should look more like an Iowa unit than the last two seasons.

"It's been the best it's really been in my four years here," Richman said. "I think a lot of it's due to guys just buying into what we're trying to achieve here."

"They're really hungry," Barnett said. "They got a good look in their eye. They're showing up every day, and we had that last year, too. The difference this year is we have competition."

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IOWA CITY — Yahya Black is not one to hype himself up.

"He's not a guy that's on social media," Iowa defensive line coach Kelvin Bell said. "He's not a guy that's all about me and not a guy that brings a lot of attention to himself with his mouth."

When asked about what he thinks he can individually accomplish, Black pivoted to how the "sky's the limit" for the entire team. Black considers his bull rush to be a strength, but also is quick to say he wants to improve "everywhere."

"From the run game to the pass game, I know I can improve in all those areas," Black said.

So let his teammate and fellow defensive lineman Joe Evans do the hyping for him.

"He could have a great year," Evans said. "He's definitely putting in the work. He is as big as ever, and he is progressing a lot as an individual. … It's pretty cool to see the progress that he's made this offseason."

Black, officially at 315 pounds, is the biggest defensive lineman on the Hawkeyes' roster. (The only taller defensive lineman than the 6-foot-5 Black is 6-7 Chris Reames, who played sparingly last season.)

"He's got unique ability," Bell said. "He's got unique size."

Iowa football fans have seen some flashes of that ability.

His forced fumble in 2021 against Colorado State was a turning point as the then-No. 5 Hawkeyes survived an upset scare. He was one of four Hawkeyes to record a sack in the 2022 Music City Bowl.

Going back to his freshman year, he appeared in four games — the maximum while preserving his redshirt year — although his snap count was limited in each game.

But injuries have often gotten in the way of him taking on a larger role.

A foot injury sidelined him for much of the 2022 season. He eventually came back from the injury after missing five games, but it also kept him out of spring practices.

A hamstring injury also bugged him in the summer of 2021.

"It's hard not to get frustrated over injury," Black said. "But you just keep pushing forward, find other things to be productive in."

Bell believes Black's not-all-about-me attitude has helped him "from a mental standpoint`be able to handle some of the adversity that he's had over the course of the years."

"He's kind of been able to, in his own way, persevere through those injuries," Bell said.

Black is healthy again and listed as the second-team defensive lineman ahead of the 2023 season. He has received some first-team reps in fall camp although Bell said he is one of "six guys that are getting first-team opportunities."

Iowa has seven defensive linemen returning, including Black, who took at least 160 defensive snaps last year, per Pro Football Focus.

"We like to pride ourselves on our depth," Bell said. "He's part of that depth. And if he's healthy, he's a big part of that depth."

That depth could be especially important considering the uncertainty around defensive lineman Noah Shannon's status.

Shannon said last month he is part of the NCAA's investigation into sports wagering at Iowa. Interim athletics director Beth Goetz said last week she was optimistic to get "some feedback" from the NCAA regarding player reinstatement.

Even if Shannon does not miss significant time because of the investigation, there is a track record of Iowa defensive linemen making significant year-to-year jumps.

Deontae Craig went from three tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in 2021 to 10 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks in 2022.

The year before that, Lukas Van Ness went from not playing at all in 2020 to racking up seven sacks in 2021. Joe Evans, meanwhile, went from one sack in 2020 to seven in 2021.

Black had one sack in 2022. Time will tell whether he is the one to make that jump in 2023.

For now, Black said it is a "good feeling" to be healthy again. But like many other things, Black is not going to make a big deal of it.

“We all have our times where we’re injured,” Black said, “but it’s good to be out on the field.”

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IOWA CITY, IA — Iowa's veteran safety is no stranger to perseverance, and he's all about staying the course to achieve a goal.

After all, Quinn Schulte began his Hawkeye career as a walk-on in 2019. Through hard work and determination, he earned a scholarship in 2022, and hasn't looked back. Schulte proved he was worthy of it all, and delivered a breakout campaign last season, in which he finished fourth on the team in tackles.

He also was a staple out in coverage, and broke up six passes, which ranked second on the Hawkeyes. With Riley Moss and Kaevon Merriweather no longer in the secondary, Schulte is embracing a leadership role, and understands what comes with the territory.

All-Big Ten cornerback Cooper DeJean returns to the unit, so Schulte is confident the group is going to keep the 'Doughboy' legacy alive and well this fall. The Iowa native feels being a Hawkeye defender is a privilege, so he doesn't take anything for granted, and learns something new on the job everyday.

"Just trying to know the game, do my job consistently, so we're all trying to do that on the back end, by putting out a good product and see what happens," Schulte said. "We lost quite a few guys, but at the same time we bring back a lot of good talent, and a lot of young guys that have studied the game and are ready for their opportunity."

Schulte was a very productive defender in 2022. The six-foot-one, 209-pounder posted nine tackles, including seven solo against Iowa State. Schulte also had nine stops and picked off a pass at Illinois. Not to mention he tallied eight tackles against Ohio State, and seven apiece in road victories over Rutgers and Minnesota.

Still, Schulte believes he's capable of more this fall. Which is why he's striving everyday to improve certain areas of his game as a defensive back.

"Being faster in and out of your breaks, you can always get better at that," he said. "Obviously tackling, running through the tackles, closing space as much as you can on the back end, and try to take away green grass."

Schulte loves playing for Defensive Coordinator Phil Parker, who's arguably the nation's best, and a former safety himself. Iowa's secondary has been a puppy mill for the NFL under Parker, with a jaw-dropping, eight defensive backs drafted under his watch. And Schulte trusts Parker is going to put everyone in the best position to be successful.

"Coach Parker is a Hall of Fame coach, any day you get to learn something new from him, it's a good day," the senior said. "Just try to take as much knowledge as I can from him in the time that I'm here, try to apply that onto the field, and see what it brings for the future."

Schulte grew up a Green Bay Packers fan, and idolized Nick Collins. His work ethic comes from his parents, and Schulte still listens to his playlist from high school before games. The chemistry in Iowa's defensive back room couldn't be better in his eyes, and he knows Parker is going to be fielding another elite group this upcoming season. Schulte just wants to represent for the Doughboys again.

"We're continuing that for this year, we're just out there trying to make plays together, and we definitely have a lot of fun in that room together."

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